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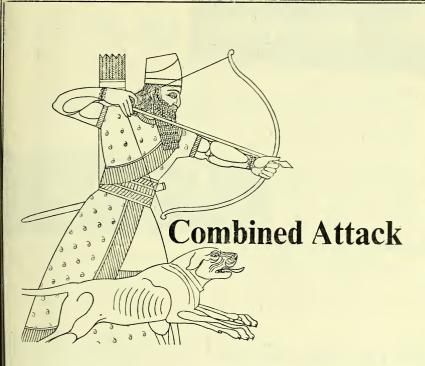
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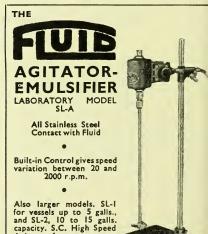
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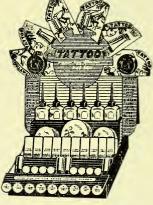


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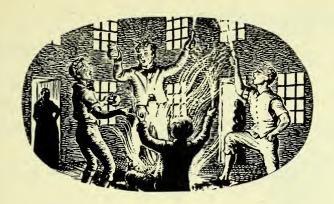
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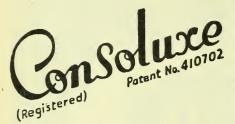
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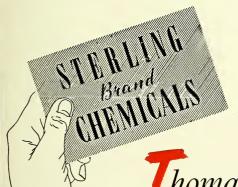
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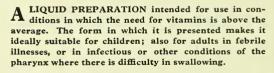
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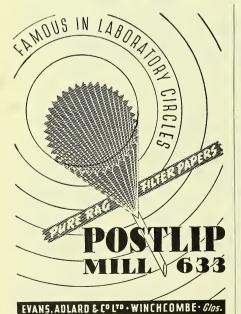
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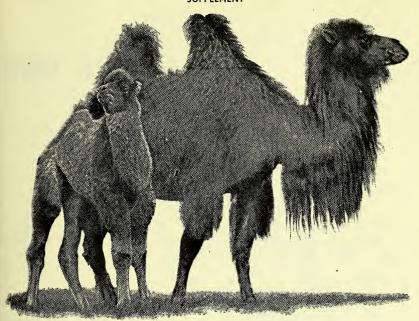
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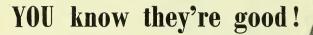
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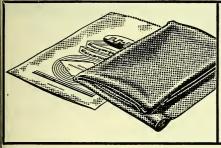
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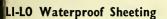
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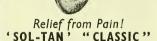
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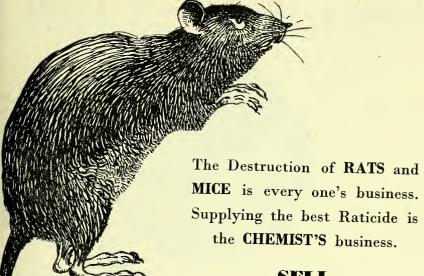
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### NEWS OF THE WEEK

Summer Time Begins.—Summer time gins on Sunday, April 20. Clocks should advanced one hour at midnight April 20.

Exemptions from Key Industry Duty.—
e Treasury have made an Order (S.I., 52, No. 766), exempting the following icles from Key Industry Duty for the iod April 22 - August 18:—tertButylbenzoate, diethylene glycol monoethyler acetate, o-phenylenediamine, urea drogen peroxide.

Dyestuffs Control Changes.—The Board Trade announces that Mr. G. E. Hola, C.B.E., has resigned from the honorappointment of Dyestuffs Controller. e Dyestuffs Advisory Committee is now be reconstituted and Sir William Palt, K.B.E., C.B., is to become its intendent chairman. The Dyestuffs Conwill be known as the Dyestuffs Office.

ler (S.I. 1952, No. 699) effective from ril 8 increases the rates of drawback Customs duty allowable in respect of imported linseed oil used in the manu-

facture of exported oil from £5 to £6 10s, per ton and (2) oil used in the manufacture of certain kinds of exported goods from £17 to £22 10s. per ton.

First British Sulphur from Petroleum.—For the first time in the United Kingdom, raw sulphur has been made from petroleum on a commercial scale. The sulphur is being recovered at the refinery of the Shell Petroleum Co., Ltd., Stanlow, Ches, from hydrogen sulphide produced as a by-product in the cracking of crude oil fractions. A sulphuric acid plant is being installed at Stanlow. That, in conjunction with a sludge decomposer to be erected later, will produce sufficient sulphuric acid to fulfil the refinery's requirements.

Chemical Engineering Convention.— The European Convention of Chemical Engineering, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, May 18-25, will include the twentyfifth Congrès International de Chimie Industrielle of the Société de Chimie Industrielle, Paris, France; the twentyseventh annual meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für chemisches Apparatewesen E.V., Frankfurt am Main; the general meeting for 1952 of the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker, Frankfurt am Main; and the Achema X chemical engineering and equipment exhibition. Twelve other European technical and scientific societies are taking part. Lectures will be given on "Principles of Chemical Engineering"; "Automatic Measurement and Regulation in Laboratory and Works"; "Continuous Chemical Processes"; "Extreme Conditions in Chemical Processes"; and "Corrosion and Materials of Construction." The exhibition will be held in eight Exhibition halls, covering 35,000 sq. metres.

### LOCAL NEWS

Glasgow Medical Exhibition. — The Glasgow Medical Exhibition is being held in St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, from May 26 to 30.

Scientific Society Officers.—The following officers of the Evans Scientific Society were elected recently:—President, Mr. W. J. Merrick, M.P.S.; Vice-President, Mr. C. W. Robinson, M.P.S.; and Secretary, Mr. R. H. Daly, B.Pharm, Ph.C.

Retirement Presentation. — Dr. T. H. M. Kerfoot (a director of Thomas Kerfoot & Co., Ltd.), recently presented Miss Clara Chubb, an employee of forty years' service, with a wireless set from the directors and staff as a token of appreciation on the occasion of her retirement.

Praise for Contractors.—At a meeting of the Worcestershire Executive Council held at Shirehall recently, the chairman (Mr. S. J. Melson) said that although there were isolated cases that had to come before the Pharmaceutical Service Committee the samples taken under the drug testing scheme in the county were a tribute to the pharmaceutical service.

Remuneration Withheld.—A Sheffield chemist who had supplied the wrong ointment on a Health Service prescription and who had lost the prescription of another patient has had amounts of £10 and £5 withheld from his remuneration by Sheffield Executive Council. The doctor had prescribed gauze and ointment for foot scalds but was astonished to find that the ointment supplied was one intended for treating foot rot, which he considered would have a detrimental effect. The chemist said that his assistant had received a wrong impression. The makers of the ointment had stated that the effects of its use would not be serious.

### IRISH NEWS

Cost of N.H.S. in N. Ireland. - A drop from £1,665,000 to £1,225,000 is shown in the 1952-53 estimate for pharmaceutical services issued by the Northern Ireland Ministry of Health and Local That figure em-Government recently. braces the fees, expenses, allowances and other payments to chemists and others providing drugs and prescribed appliances and superannuation contributions in respect of dispensing doctors. The reduction in the vote is in anticipation of the shilling charge of prescriptions. The cost of drugs, dressings, medical and surgical supplies and appliances and equipment for the Hospitals Authority is estimated a £543,500 (£558,900 spent in 1951-52).

Irish Drug Association.—At a com mittee meeting of the Irish Drug Associa tion held in Dublin on April 1, on the proposition of Mr. D. Woulfe (outgoin president) seconded by Mr. M. Costelle Mr. Gerald C. O'Neill, Blackrock, co Dublin (vice-president), was unanimousl elected President of the Association for th ensuing year. Other officers elected wer Vice-president, Mr. T. R. Bourke (manas ing director, Hamilton Long & Co., Dul lin); and Treasurer, Mr. T. C. Scott, M D. Woulfe was elected a trustee. At special meeting of members held on Apr 8 a report on representations made to th committee for increased wages and altertions in conditions of employment w considered. The President (Mr. G. O'Neill) explained from the chair, negoti tions which had taken place with th Workers' Union of Ireland and the Iri Union of Distributive Workers and Cler on wage increases. The Labour Court ha intervened, and under the auspices of Conciliation Officer of the Court discu sions took place with the two unions at certain proposals were tentatively agre upon. The members of the unions sub: quently accepted the proposals, and by majority the members of the I.D.A. agre to the increases, which are as follows: Unqualified assistants (male and femal 6s.; increase on existing rates; qualifi assistants or chemists (male and femal 8s.; qualified chemists covering a sh (male and female), 10s.; manager's bor paid on turnover under £70 per we nil; £70 to £80, 3s. 6d.; £80 to £10s.; £90 and over 15s. It was agre that the increases would be retrospective the week commencing February 25.

### **BRANCH AND ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

Inaugural Meeting. — The inaugural meeting of the Epsom and Sutton Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society was addressed by Mr. T. Reid (a member of the Society's Organisation Committee) on March II. The chairman of the new pranch (Mr. C. H. Heard) thanked Mr. Reid for his guidance.

Horticultural Films.—Members of the Exeter Branch of the Pharmaceutical Soiety met at Barnstaple recently to see wo films: "Pests and Diseases of the Farden" and "Soils." Mr. W. N. Boorne chairman) presided, Mr. D. F. Wilson Plant Protection, Ltd.) gave an address, nd a discussion followed.

Work of Council Committees.—At the nnual general meeting of the Dundee ranch of the Pharmaceutical Society on Iarch 20, Mr. C. W. Macfarlane (a memer of the Society's Council) gave an Idress on the work of the various comittees of the Council, dealing in particur with the Ethical, Finance and Education Committees. Branch officers elected ere:—Chairman, Mr. D. McKiddie; ice-chairman, Mr. M. S. Maconochie; cretaries, Miss E. Fyfe, 140 Albert reet, Dundee, and Mr. D. C. C. Walce, 126 Hilltown, Dundee; Auditor, Mr. P. Ferrier.

Make-up Lecture and Demonstration. At a meeting of West Middlesex Chems' Association and Branch of the Pharaceutical Society held in Ealing on arch 18 a representative (Mrs. Page) of chard Hudnut, Ltd., London, gave address in which she showed the reionship between the development of ashion consciousness" and that of make-

. A mannequin parade followed the ture and Mrs. Page recommended the propriate make-up for each mannequin demonstration of home permanent wavewas then given by Mr. and Mrs. Hicks chard Hudnut, Ltd.).

N.H.S. Lecture at Leeds.—At a meetof the Leeds Branch of the Pharmatical Society recently, Mr. W. E. Stokes
member of the Central N.H.S. (Chet Contractors') Committee) spoke on
he Pharmacist and the National Health
vice." He advocated larger retail pharcy units with two or three pharmacists,
give a longer daily service without
in on the individual pharmacist and
h more freedom for holidays. It would

need, he said, an Act of Parliament to apply the shilling levy to hospital outpatients. The introduction of the levy would in his opinion make the introduction of a bottle-deposit system impossible, and give chemists good grounds to ask for a review of the container allowance.

Hypnotherapy Explained.—At a meeting of the Liverpool Chemists' Association and Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society held recently, Mr. R. E. Cocking (a member of the British Association of Therapeutic Hypnotists) gave an address on "Hypnotherapy," Mr. L. A. Butt presiding. Mr. Cocking outlined the history of hypnosis and pointed out that a person could not be hypnotised against his will. Hypnosis had been used for operations in prisoner-of-war camps, where anæsthetics were not available. There were two ways of inducing hypnosis: By talking while the subject concentrated on a bright object; and by flicking the fingers and talking whilst the subject was standing. The speaker's associate (Miss Bradley) demonstrated self-induced hypnosis, and was found to be completely hypnotised when certain tests were applied by some of the more sceptical members of the audience. Mr. Cocking demonstrated on six members of the audience.

Talk on Pricing.—At a joint meeting of the Exeter Branches of the Pharmaceutical Society and National Pharmaceutical Union on March 7, Mr. W. H. James, Sidmouth, in the chair, Mr. D. M. Jennings, M.P.S. (superintendent, Bristol Pricing Bureau) described errors made by some contractors in submitting accounts, thus adding to the pricing officers' work. Incorrect declarations of details on forms EC34 (part A) and EC38 were still occurring, he said. Contractors were asked to observe the regulations in the Drug Tariff, in particular those concerned with claims for payments for broken bulk, penicillin prescriptions, elastic hosiery and trusses, and out-of-pocket and other allowances. When oxygen equipment was supplied on hire, and had been retained by the patient for more than fourteen days, immediate notice should be given to the Executive Council. Notice should also be given when fittings were returned. Contractors should ensure that payments on account for expensive items (see C. & D., March 15, p. 334) were within the regulations before forwarding them to the bureau.

Portsmouth N.P.U. Branch. - The annual meeting of the Portsmouth branch of the National Pharmaceutical Union was held at Southsea on April 4. following officers were appointed: Chairman, Miss X. Darling; Vice-chairman, Mr. M. A. Guernier; Secretary, Mr. J. C. Bloomfield, 185 Fratton Road, Portsmouth; Treasurer, Mr. P. Smith. It was reported that a salvage drive organised during the year had realised £82. was agreed that £25 each should be donated to the Pharmaceutical Society's Benevolent fund, the Widows' and Orphans' fund, and Birdsgrove House. An address on "Management Problems in Business and Industry" was given by Mr. R. F. H. Banister (lecturer in the management studies department, Portsmouth Municipal College). The speaker detailed the work of personnel officers, and the special techniques devised to assess, in interviews, a candidate's suitability for a particular post, A vote of thanks to Mr. Banister was carried on the proposition of Mr. J. C. Bloomfield, seconded by Mr. R. G. Trem-

Problems of Manufacturing Pharmacy. At a meeting of the Hounslow Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society held in the premises of Parke, Davis & Co., Ltd., Hounslow, on March 11, Mr. J. A. Free-(the company's assistant general manager for production and development) gave an address on "Manufacturing Pharmacy." Mr. W. H. Bowden presided. After making reference to the presence of Mr. Lawson, aged ninety four, a local pharmacist and the oldest in practice in the country, Mr. Freeman said that the pharmacists present had belonged in their student days to the "plaster," "vegetable" or "chemical" ages, but whatever student age they represented it was the peculiarity of their profession that there would be something new to learn tomorrow, Mr. Freeman contrasted retail dispensing with bulk manufacturing. The change from the pre-paration of a few ounces to that of several tons of material, he said, introduced problems of stability, accuracy, and engineering. Liaison between sales production and other departments was essential. The "science of good housekeeping" was the heart of successful manufacturing.

Review of Cortisone and ACTH.—In an address to the East Metropolitan Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, on March 5, Mr. R. W. Richards, B.Pharm., Ph.C., outlined the course that led to the dis covery of cortisone and ACTH, and the results they brought about in rheumatoic arthritis and other so-called diseases of adaption. He emphasised the difficultie of commercial production, and said that though they were available in the United States, their price put them beyond the means of all but the wealthy. A Mexical firm had, however, developed a route to the commercial production of cortison from diosgenin (a steroid found in the roo of the Mexican yam) that involved only twenty stages in synthesis, against thirty seven in the original. American firm manufacturing cortisone from sources had so improved their methods it recent months that they also were able t produce cortisone in something like twent stages. No one had begun the commercia synthesis of cortisone in Britain thoug one company had commenced in France Before the lecture a film "Modern Drug in the Making" was shown.

Second Welsh Dinner Conference .-Mr. F. C. Wilson (president of the Phan maceutical Society) was the principal gues and speaker at the second annual dinne conference of Denbighs and Flints phan macist contractors held at Rhyl on Marc 27. Mr. D. Emlyn Jones, Wrexham, pre siding in the absence through indispos tion of Mr. H. Crabbe Davies (chairma of the two-counties Pharmaceutical Conmittee), proposed "The Pharmaceutica Society," and Mr. Wilson dealt in h reply with the duties devolving upon men bers of Pharmaceutical Committees, i common with other professional bodies, i sharing the responsibilities of administering the National Health Service. He stresse the importance of professional co-opera tion and fellowship, notwithstanding con petition between pharmacists, and urge that the value of rota service to the con munity should not be undermined by nor adherence to the list arranged. There wa he considered, a need for an increase pharmacist representation on hospita management committees. Mr. G. R. Knc Mawer, Wrexham, proposed "The Visito and Guests," to which responses wer given by Messrs. R. S. Ninian, F.R.C. (surgeon-in-charge, Maelor General Ho pital) and J. H. Williams, Colwyn Ba (chairman of the Pharmaceutical Servic Committee). Mr. R. Evans Thomas, Mole acted as toastmaster and Mr. Frank Elli Wrexham (secretary to the committee) o ganised the conference.

### TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

Pioneers in Sheffield

The business in Sheffield registered as Associated Chemists (Wicker), Ltd. (pp. 111-12) is the outcome of a pioneer effort leserving complete success. The formation f a company of "private" chemists for he purposes indicated in your descriptive irticle is as important an event as any of ecent date in British pharmacy. These surposes may be summed up as (1) a onger day of dispensing service, and (2) better dispensing service than is likely o be given in health centres, however xpensively they may be built. We can all ympathise with the new company in its ong wait for licences to convert the prenises selected: the familiarity of the exerience does not lessen its inconvenience. Your illustrations and diagram show that he layout is excellent; and I note that pace is available for future developments. The hours of service are a feature that will e scrutinised by pharmacists in other large ities and towns. A business weekday beinning at 9 a.m. and ending at 10 p.m. justified by the fact that pressure of rescriptions is heaviest between 7 and .30 p.m. This pressure is in accord with xperience elsewhere when business hours ere longer than now, and follows naturlly from the habits of patients who visit octors' surgeries. About the need for unday attendance from 2 to 8 I am not sure: it may be found that a short ternoon period, with an interval before ne evening, meets normal requirements. lowever, a detail of this kind can be adisted. May good fortune attend them!

nternational Friendship

News on pp. 493 ("Tour of French ecturers") and 504 ("Franco-British ommission") shows progress made in sociating the practice of pharmacy in reat Britain with the corresponding factice in France. Both the distinguished tench pharmacists who are lecturing in me of our provincial centres near the dof this month were present at the ranco-British Congress of Pharmacy held: Brighton last year, and will be welcomed old friends. Attendances at their lectures ill, I trust, be satisfactory. At its meetgin London a few weeks ago the Franco-ritish Commission discussed "suggestions form an international federation of

narmaceutical manufacturers, exchange

search workers, award bursaries, and

cure reciprocity in registration." Steps

can be taken without any prohibitive difficulty in most of these directions. But reciprocity in registration is in another category. There we have to reckon with the laws of France, which at present form an insuperable obstacle. As mentioned, I believe, some years since, a case bearing on this barrier once came to my knowledge. The situation should be watched by the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society. One reads with amusement that the B.B.C. French service has allotted twelve minutes to an account of the work of the Commission, Whether a similar attention will ever be paid in English remains to be heard.

### Pharmaceutical Students' Conference

The tenth annual conference of the British Pharmaceutical Students' Association (pp. 514-16) was, it seems, more filled with events and more largely attended than any of its predecessors. The names of the principal speakers at the three sessions were a guarantee of something worth hearing. In order of appearance (as theatre programmes put it) they were Mr. G. E. Trease, Mr. A. W. Bull, Dr. G. I. Hobday, Dr. M. W. Partridge, Dr. J. M. Rowson and Mr. F. W. Adams. One statement made in the brains trust session and one resolution adopted in the open forum call for friendly comment. A speaker in the brains trust is reported as saying: "I feel that the [Pharmaceutical] Society has lost interest in pharmacists. Its interest is in itself." That forthright statement does not quite express what many, perhaps most, observers think. The point was better put by a pharmacist at the Cardiff meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference in 1930: he could imagine, he said, action that would be to the benefit of the Society rather than to that of pharmacists. The danger remains, and needs to be borne in mind. A resolution carried in the open forum expressed "increasing horror" "the entry into schools of pharmacy of persons with no previous experience of pharmaceutical techniques." I do not see how this admission of persons lacking a modicum of the desired technique can be prevented. There will always, we may expect, be a range of acquirement in beginners at schools, from proficiency down to zero. If a student has the root of the matter in him, he can be taught, even if at the outset he hardly knows which end of a microscope is which. Xrayser

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### Company News

PEST CONTROL, LTD.—No dividend is to be paid on the ordinary shares for the year ended September 30, 1951 (against 10 per cent. in the previous year).

HOWARDS & SONS, LTD.—Trading profit for year ended December 31, 1951, was £211,180 (against £140,453 in 1950). Net profit, after tax, was £105,729 (£81,433). To general reserve, £61,000 (£35,922). Ordinary dividend, 15 per cent. (same).

ALBRIGHT & WILSON, LTD. — Group profit for 1951, after all charges including tax, was £754,308 (against £654,361 in 1950) of which £370,151 was earned by overseas subsidiary companies. A 10 per cent. second interim dividend on ordinary shares is to be recommended as the final, making 15 per cent, for the year.

### Voluntary Liquidations

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The Cooper Laboratory, Ltd., manufacturing chemists, Rickmansworth Road Watford. Liquidator: Mr. A. S. P. Coffir Hyde House, West Hyde, Rickmansworth Herts. [A new company has been regitered; see opposite column.]

### **BUSINESS CHANGES**

D. T. EVANS, LTD., Margate, Kent, as opening their branch at 12 Cliff Terrac Cliftonville, about Whitsuntide for tl duration of the season.

HARKER STAGG, LTD., Emmott Stree London, E.I, request that all communic tions should be sent to them in future that address.

RIKER LABORATORIES, LTD., 29 Kirk white Street, Nottingham, have register the telegraphic address: Riker Nottir ham.

The postal address of the manageme side secretaries of the Health Serv. Whitley Councils is 14 Russell Squa London, W.C.1 (telephone: Muse 6811).

BATHGATE & Co., LTD., 17 Old Co House Street, Calcutta, India, have clotheir London office at 39 Victoria Stre S.W.I. Correspondence should be dressed in future to Calcutta.

THE UNITED AFRICA COMPANY, L1. Unilever House, Blackfriars, Lond, E.C.4, have appointed Mr. J. C. Mottra, M.P.S., to be manager of their retail a wholesale pharmaceutical department (7.2 Kingsway Chemists, Ltd.), in Aba, East 1 Nigeria.

EVANS MEDICAL SUPPLIES, LTD., Specific properties of the follows staff changes:—Mr. D. L. Rees, M.F. becomes manager of the chemists': hospitals' sales departments, Mr. F. Mellor, manager of the bulk sales department, and Mr. R. S. Bates, manager the agencies department.

MESSRS. G. WILLIAMSON (until rece manager of the Glasgow branch office Pharmaceutical Specialities (May & Bal Ltd.), and J. R. Cook, M.P.S. (form medical representative of the company north-east Scotland) are taking up extive posts with May & Baker (New 1 land), Ltd.

### THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT

By a Member of the Press Gallery, House of Commons

IR. JOHN TILNEY raised the question of ne restricted export of pharmaceutical roducts to Hong Kong in an adjournment ebate on April 7. It was a matter, he lought, which later would affect many cople in Britain indirectly. If the purose of essential supply certificates for rugs supplied to Hong Kong was to hurt le enemy in Korea, to withhold essential rugs from him, and to shorten the war, en its "high purpose" was being deated, because the regulations applied ly to the U.S.A., the United Kingdom, anada, Australia and New Zealand. In nuary the imports into Hong Kong from ance of pharmaceuticals which would we required essential supply certificates sent from Britain, represented no less an 92.78 per cent. of the total imports om France, and the percentages from ermany and Italy were as great as 74.38 d 89.5. Surely strong pressure could be ought on "our colleagues in the United ations, and especially our partners in e North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, ask the Hong Kong Government to apessential supply certificates to all pharsceuticals imported into Hong Kong." MR. A. T. LENNOX-BOYD (Minister of ate for Colonial Affairs), replying, exessed the hope that other nations uld follow Britain's example.

escription Costs in West Yorkshire

MR. H. CROOKSHANK (Minister alth) told Dr. A. D. D. BROUGHTON, on ril 9, that the average cost of prescripns in the West Riding of Yorkshire in  $_{1}8-_{4}9-_{5}0$ , were respectively, 2s.  $_{3}^{1}2$ d., 8½d., and 2s. 11d. The average cost ing the period January-May 1951 was proximately 3s. 2d.

### tional Health Service Bill

During the Committee stage of the dee on the National Health Service Bill April 8 and 9, the following amendnts on charges for certain drugs, medies and appliances were put by the Opition. They were lost after debate, the ing figures being shown in parentheses. No such charge for an appliance shall exceed quarter of its cost to the Minister or the sum which ever be the less " (255; 276). No such charge for drugs or medicines shall ed sixpence " (252; 277).

That the charges which shall be made in ect of the supply of appliances to nationals

of foreign countries shall in no case be less than will represent the full cost of the supply of such appliances to the persons " (22; 237).

"No medical practitioner shall be required to make or recover any charge" (263; 284).

"No chemist shall be required to determine the amount of any charge" (265; 283).

"No hospital management committee, board of management or board of governors shall be required to make or recover any charge " (259;

### Mercury Teething Powders

MR. J. HYND asked the Minister of Health, on April 10, whether he was aware of the widespread sale of children's teething powders containing mercury although no reference to the mercury content appeared in the printed analysis.

MISS PATRICIA HORNSBY-SMITH (Parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Health) told him that if he gave her particulars of the cases he had in mind she would bring them to the attention of the Pharmaceutical Society, who had the duty of enforcing the appropriate section of the Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941.

### LEGAL REPORT

Prison for Assistant Manager .- Pleading guilty at Marlborough Street, London, Magistrates' Court, recently, to obtaining a total of £25 from his employers, Duncan Harris, chemists, by virtue of false receipts for purchases which he had not made, a United States citizen, Milton Lionel Newton, who had been employed as an assistant manager at the firm's premises in Broadwick Street, Soho, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Newton, who was said by the police to have had convictions for crime in the United States, asked that eighteen similar offences should be taken into consideration, the total amount involved being £100. A detective-inspector said that Newton had falsified receipts for purchases he had made to complete prescriptions. He had said that the money had been used by him as expenses while his wife saved his salary of £8 per week plus bonus. Defending counsel said that when Newton came to England in 1940 to offer an invention to the British Government, the U.S. Embassy had refused to acknowledge him because he had violated the conditions of his passport. As a result of that he had been interned for four years.

### **MARRIAGES**

Anderson—Yeoman. — At Rosemount Church, Aberdeen, on March 29, Herbert William Anderson, M.P.S., 8 Chestnut Row, Aberdeen, to Norma Johnston Yeoman, 142 Hilton Drive, Aberdeen.

McMorrow—Kennedy.—At St. Mary's Church, Haddington Road, Dublin, recently, Kevin McMorrow, B.A., LL.B., to Ethna M. T. Kennedy, L.P.S.I., Bunnacrana House, Curry, co. Sligo.

Orr—Hickey.—At Christ Church, Chiswick, London, recently, Ian Orr, M.P.S., Tantallon, St. Leonard Street, Lanark, to Dora Hickey, Turnham Green, Chiswick.

### DEATHS

AUBREY. — Recently, Mrs. Florence L. Aubrey, Roseneath, Malvern Road, Worcester (widow of the late Mr. H. J. Aubrey, M.P.S., the Cross, Worcester), aged eighty-two.

CLEGG.—On April 12, Mr. John Clegg, M.P.S., Bordon Pharmacy, High Street, Bordon, Hants. Mr. Clegg qualified in 1905.

FARMER.—At 40 Newlands Avenue, Radlett, Herts, suddenly, on April 13, Mr. Ernest Harold Farmer, D.Sc., F.R.S. (senior organic chemist of the Rubber Producers' Research Association).

GIRGIS.—Recently, Mr. Shafik Girgis, M.P.S., 62 Finlay Street, Fulham, London, S.W.6. Mr. Girgis qualified in 1927.

HALLIWELL.—On March 23, Mr. George Halliwell, M.P.S., Ackworth, Birches Road, Codsall, Staffs. Mr. Halliwell qualified in 1928.

Jones. — On April 2, Mr. Richard Robinson Jones, M.P.S., 41 North Drive, Rhyl, Flints, aged eighty-threee. Before retiring Mr. Jones was in business at Amlwch and Llangefni, Anglesey.

McPherson.—On April 10, Mr. Tom O. McPherson, Baron Hill, Forfar, Angus. Mr. McPherson was apprenticed with Mr. J. R. Abel, M.P.S., Forfar, and after working for a time in Edinburgh, emigrated to South Africa and entered the service of a firm of wholesale chemists in Queenstown. He was seventy-seven and unmarried.

Parkinson.—On March 17, Mr. Arthur Charles Parkinson, M.P.S., Atherstone, Warwicks, aged sixty-six.

PENMAN.—On March 10 (his eightysecond birthday), Mr. Edward Wright Penman, M.P.S., Berriedale, Coronation Road, Prestbury, Cheltenham, Glos.

RAFFAN.—Suddenly, on April 10, Mr. John Raffan, M.P.S., 18 Duke Street, Huntly, Aberdeens, aged seventy. He had been in business in the town for over forty years, and is survived by his widow, three sons and two daughters.

REEKS. — On April 6, Mr. Herbert Reeks, 36 Imperial Road, Exmouth, aged seventy-three. Mr. Reeks qualified as a chemist and druggist in 1902. "Jimmy' Reeks, as he was affectionately called by his colleagues, was a lover of his craft and a keen amateur botanist. He loved to discuss the identity of a specimen brought to him, and was rarely stumped on such questions. Handicapped by deafness he had few direct contacts with customers, yet wa throughout his career a credit to his profession.

Thomson.—In hospital, on April 11 after a long illness, Mr. John James Thom son (for many years representative wit Lorimer & Moyes, Ltd., sundriesmer Montrose Street, Glasgow).

### WILLS

MR. A. J. H. BACON, M.P.S., 193A Stoke Lan Stoke Bishop, Bristol, left £4,249 (£3,843 net MR. W. A. TUCKNOTT, M.P.S., 10 Bridge Stree Newhaven, Sussex, left £27,692 (£27,618 net).

Mr. G. Crombie, M.P.S., 18 Brighton Roa Crawley Sussex, left £15,050 (£12,810 net).

MR. H. STOUT, M.P.S., 57 Broad Street, Pedleton, Salford, 6, left £8,287 (£7,180 net).

Mr. T. W. Walmsley, M.P.S., 110 Great Hoton Road, Bradford, left £2,256 (£2,210 net).

Miss D. M. Burbank, M.P.S., 116 Walt Street, Oxford, left £950 (£302 net).

MR. W. G. John, M.P.S., 27 Margaret Stre Abercynon, Glam, left £10,013 (£9,910 net).

MR. A. JOAILLET, M.P.S., 158 Thatto Her Road, St. Helens, Lancs, left £2,475 (£2,196 nc Mr. A. Catto, M.P.S., 4 Nutley Close, Gorib by-Sea, Sussex, left £13,469 (£11,139 net).

MR. R. M. H. WARD, M.P.S., 107 Saugh Road, Blacon, Chester, left £11,421 (£11,392 no MR. C. Geddes, M.P.S., 341 Torquay Ro Paignton, left £16,034 (£11,553 net).

MR. E. T. SHARP, M.P.S., 98 Broom Ro Teddington, Middlesex, left £1,019 (£970 net) MR. E. GRAHAM, M.P.S., 16 Wellington F Horfield, Bristol, left £4,782 (£4,727 net).

MR. H. W. CAMMELL, M.P.S., 116 Church La Selston, Notts, left £4,578 (£4,547 6s. 4d. net Mr. E. C. Carson, M.P.S., Hazeldean, Stat Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, left £873 (£833 n

MR. C. H. MAITLAND, M.P.S., Clovelly, Bor Road, Heswall, Ches, left £4,991 (£4,936 net).

#### COMING EVENTS

Monday, April 21
OUTHAMPTON BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, Polygon Hotel, Southampton, at 7.30 p.m. Annual meeting.

VEST KENT BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, Central Library, Beckenham, Kent, at 8 p.m. Meeting to instruct Branch's representatives relative to the Society's Branch Representatives' Meeting.

Tuesday, April 22

ASTBOURNE BRANCH, PHARMAGEUTICAL SOCIETY,
Plummer's Restaurant, Terminus Road, Eastbourne, at 7.30 p.m. Annual meeting and illustrated address "Wild Life in My Garden—and
Yours," by Mr. W. J. C. Murray.

INCHLEY AND DISTRICT DIVISION, NORTH LONDON PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and BRANCH, Bull and Butcher, Whetstone (Totteridge Corner), Middlesex, at 8 p.m. Annual meeting.

RANCO-BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL COMMISSION, Central Technical College, Birmingham, at 3 p.m. Professor M. Guillot on "Pharmaceutical Education in France." Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, at 8 p.m. (in conjunction with Birmingham Branch, Pharmaceutical Society), Mr. R. L. J. Morice on "Pharmaceutical Organisation in France."

RROW BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, Oak Hall, Baptist Church, College Road, Harrow, at 7.30 p.m. Branch meeting.

NDERLAND BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, Christ Church Hall, 8 The Cloisters, Mowbray Road, Sunderland, at 7.30 p.m. Annual meeting.

Wednesday, April 23
DFORDSHIRE BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY,
Bunyan Room, Harpur Street, Bedford, at
7.30 p.m. Film: "Chloromycetin, the first Synhetic Antibiotic" (by courtesy of Parke, Davis Co., Ltd.).

ANCO-BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL COMMISSION, Central Technical College, Birmingham, at 11 a.m., Professor M, Guillot on "The Use of Radioisotopes in Clinical Biology."

ASGOW AND SOUTH-WESTERN SCOTTISH BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, 220 St. Vincent Street, Clasgow, at 7.30 p.m. Annual meeting.

TIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN PHARMACISTS, 7 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1, at p.m. Annual meeting.

#### Thursday, April 24

NCO-BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL COMMISSION, lollege of Technology, Leicester, at 11 a.m. rofessor M. Guillot on "The Use of Radiootopes in Clinical Biology." At 3 p.m., Prosesor Guillot on "Pharmaceutical Education in rance." At 7.30 p.m. (in conjunction with the eicester Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society), fr. R. L. J. Morice on "Pharmaceutical Oranisation in France."

ERPOOL CHEMISTS' ASSOCIATION and BRANCH, adiant House, Bold Street, Liverpool, at 30 p.m. Film: "Muscle Relaxants" (by Durtesy of Pharmaceutical Specialities (May & aker), Ltd.), presented by Dr. E. W. Tapley. MES VALLEY PHARMACISTS' ASSOCIATION, Kingson Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 7.45 p.m. musal meeting, and Mr. W. A. Moss (technical lusier to the Northcote Photo Works, Tedangton) on "Whole Photo Finishing Technical" que.'

PRIETARY ARTICLES TRADE ASSOCIATION, Conught Rooms, Great Queen Street, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, at 3 p.m. Fifty-sixth annual

#### Friday, April 25

Birkenhead and Wirral Pharmacists' Association, Central Hotel, Birkenhead, at 8 p.m.

FRANCO-BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL COMMISSION. RANCO-BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL COMMISSION, Technical College, Bradford, at 3 p.m. Professor M. Guillot on "Pharmaceutical Education in France." Midland Hotel, at 7.30 p.m. (in conjunction with Bradford Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society), Mr. R. L. J. Morice on "Pharmaceutical Organisation in France."

#### Saturday, April 26

Franco-British Pharmaceutical Commission, Technical College, Bradford, at 10 a.m. Pro-fessor M. Guillot on "The Use of Radioiso-topes in Clinical Biology."

#### PERSONALITIES

Mr. Geo. Checkley, M.P.S., has been re-appointed for the third time vice-chairman of the Eastbourne Executive Council. The appointment is for three years.

Mr. J. H. Tranmer, M.P.S., Huddersfield, gave a talk on medicinal drugs, illustrated by a film to the Huddersfield Rotary Club on March 31.

Mr. E. D. Allman, representative of C. J. Hewlett & Son, Ltd., London, E.C.2, in the southern counties of England, retired on March 31, after twentyeight years' service with the company,

Mr. Ernest Rawson (manager, bottlewashing department, pharmaceutical section, Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd., Beeston, Notts) was recently presented with a cheque in recognition of his fifty years' service with the company.

MRS. THELMA L. MCNICOL (the recently elected chairman of the Hull Chemists' Association), is the daughter of the late Mr. R. B. Sawyer, with whom she served her apprenticeship at his shop in Water-works Street, Hull. She was educated at the Hull High School for Girls, and qualified from the College of Pharmacy of the Pharmaceutical Society in 1931. Until her father's retirement Mrs. McNicol worked with him, after which she became phar-macist at the Scarborough Hospital until her marriage. She then became pharmacist at the Sutton branch of the Royal Infirmary until the end of the war and has, since then, acted as locum there when required. She is on the committee of the local Church of England's children's society, a member of the local Association Committee of Girl Guides and a past captain of the Sutton Park Golf Club.

#### PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland held a meeting in Dublin on April 8, the president (Mr. J. P. Kissane) in the chair. There were present Messrs. M. Costello (vice-president), H. P. Corrigan (treasurer), R. Daly. T. B. O'Sullivan, A. A. Toher, F. J. Robinson, T. C. Scott, G. C. O'Neill, P. F. McGrath, P. Fullam, Senator F. Loughman, Messrs. M. Power, C. J. Cremen, P. Brooke-Kelly, and J. A. O'Rourke.

The President referred to the death of Mr. J. J. Roche (C. & D., March 22, p. 388). "J. J." had been, he said, a first-class councillor to whom they could turn with confidence for advice. His death was a grievous loss to the Society and to Irish pharmacy. The president moved that the Council should place on record its deep sympathy with Mr. Roche's family. The resolution was passed in silence, all mem-

bers standing.
Visitors were appointed to the April Licence and Assistants' examinations. The Registrar (Mr. J. G. Coleman) reported that the total entry for the Licence examination was ninety-seven (including thirteen Registered Druggists sitting for the Chemist and Druggist examination). A letter was read from the Minister for Health approving the regulations submitted for that examination. The following changes of address were notified:—

Miss Ellen M. Owens, M.P.S.I., to Drogheda Street, Balbriggan, co. Dublin; Miss Kathleen Carty, L.P.S.I., to The Square, Castlepollard, co. Westmeath; Mrs. Mary E. O'Callaghan, L.P.S.I., to Hymany, Castlebar Road, Westport, co. Mayo; Messrs, B. Cullen, M.P.S.I., to 72 Navan Road, Dublin; and W. F. Jackson, L.P.S.I., to Loughgall, co. Armagh.

#### Pre-registration Examination

Reporting on the recent Pre-registration examination, THE REGISTRAR stated that of the sixty-eight who had entered, fifty-one entered for chemistry and thirty-five passed: of fifty-eight who entered for physics, forty-three passed. In view of the Easter holiday, the April Licence examination would commence on April 21. Preliminary registrations had been recorded in respect of the following: Aloysius Acton, William M. W. Black, Philip P. Brady, Ellen M. Buckley, James J. Buckley, Lucy A. Byrne, Mary P. Corridan, Eileen F. Eakins, Winifred P. Feely, Jude Foley, Elizabeth M. Fitzgerald, Hubert Gaffney, Valentine J. Harte, Teresa Hunt,

Antoinette M. Keating, Bernadette A McCaffrey, Denis B. McCarthy, James P McCormack, Michael S. McGuinness Thomas F. McIntyre, Michael C. Martin Norman W. Maslin, Mary Patricia L. Mol loy, Rita A. Murphy, Mary K. Norwood Nuala E. O'Brien, Hannah M. O'Connor James V. Parsons, Anne Mary P. Phillips Daniel Quill, John V. Rafferty, Kathlee B. Shanagher, Eileen U. Sullivan, and Frederick C. Young, Dr. Colum Brady who submitted an L.A.H. certificate, wa granted registration as a pharmaceutical chemist.

#### Opticians Bill

A draft scheme for the registration copticians, legislation for which is bein introduced, and the provisions of whice would not, as the Registrar explained infringe on existing legal rights of chemis was approved by the Council.

Selection of a suitable design of chair a memorial to the late Mr. P. C. Cahi will be by a subcommittee consisting of the vice-president, treasurer, Messrs. Scot McGrath and Cremen.

The law committee reported that a leter had been received from Mr. Josep Gorry, M.P.S.I., Naas, asking if the Veter nary Bill passing through the Dail const tuted a new threat to the chemist, and uring the Council to be on the alert with r gard to the legislation. Senator Lought said that the Bill had not yet reached the Senate. The Registrar said it was main concerned with the setting up of an idependent veterinary licensing body in the State. Previously the qualification we given through the London body. The Council agreed to look into the poir made by Mr. Gorry.

Arising out of the Schools Committee report, The Registrar stated that a letth had been received from some African st dents inquiring if they could take a phamaceutical course in Ireland, and a rephad been sent indicating difficulties the might arise with regard to apprentices A letter from a lady chemist, who held Northern Ireland qualification and whad served her apprenticeship with Licentiate of the Society in Newry, quiring as to the possibilities of securismilar status in the Republic, was hover for further inquiry.

THE REGISTRAR submitted a report from the journals committee on the result the committee's interview with two dir

ors of the "Irish Chemist and Druggist," s a result of which they recommended hat the Irish journal should be made the fficial organ for a preliminary period of ne year from January 1953, subject to a avourable ballot of members of the Soiety. Mr. Costello said the interview vith the directors was satisfactory, and hey had had a full discussion on all the THE REGISTRAR told natters involved. IR. Toher that the change would effect saving of about £900 a year. Mr. Daly poke of the value to chemists of the hemist and Druggist Year-Book, and said would be very much missed if they hade the change unless a year-book was ublished by the home journal. Mr. OHER thought that a publication such as ne Scottish Chemists' Glossary gave sufcient data to meet their needs. MR. PROURKE disagreed. There was no comarison between the Scottish Chemists' lossary and the C. & D. Year-Book, hich gave an extraordinarily wide range proprietaries. The latter was compreensive and up-to-date. His fear about onfining themselves to a home journal as the danger of becoming isolated pharaceutically. He did not think they had afficient writers with a sufficiently wide howledge of pharmaceutical subjects.

#### n Oversight

THE REGISTRAR said the question of a ear-book had not been raised at the inrview with the directors of the "Irish hemist and Druggist." It was the only atter overlooked. Mr. O'NEILL said that, a life member of the Society, he felt ey had rights, but not privileges. He greed with the committee's recommendaon that they should make the change to e home journal. Mr. O'Rourke (also eaking as a life member) felt they had legal and moral right to be supplied ith the C. & D. Mr. CREMEN supported e committee's report. Those who wanted e C. & D. could get it independently, it it was ridiculous to have to pay over 1,000 a year to supply it to members. he present subscription had gone beyond hat the Society could pay. Senator DUGHMAN said he was all in favour of aking the Irish paper the official journal. hey should have done so long ago. In s view the fee paid to the Society should for membership only, and should not tail paying out 25s, for a journal. He derstood that the C. & D. Year-Book uld be obtained independently of the & D. Mr. Robinson said he would

like to support the recommendation to make the Irish "Chemist and Druggist" the official journal. The alternative was a large increase in their membership subscription if they were to continue taking the C. & D. After further discussion it was unanimously agreed to take a ballot of members on the issue.

#### Veterinary Preparations

Mr. Power moved the following notice of motion standing in his name:—

"That this Council views with grave concern the policy of any firm which puts extra restrictions on the handling and distribution of veterinary drugs and preparations. That the Council take strong and immediate action in protecting the legal status of its members and licentiates as granted under the Pharmacy Acts."

Mr. Power said that in July 1951 he ordered a particular veterinary preparation from a well-known firm of manufacturers, but subsequently received a letter stating that the preparation could only be supto veterinary surgeons. The question was whether any firm could legally withold a drug line from qualified pharmacists. It was a serious matter and should be dealt with by the Council, He would like all members throughout the country who had had similar experiences to send in particulars to the Council so that the fullest data would be available when raising the matter.

The Council approved of a set of draft regulations submitted by the education committee covering future academic courses of study and fees, and directed the Registrar, in conjunction with the Society's professors, to prepare a syllabus. The Council heard with satisfaction from THE REGISTRAR that all three serving pharmacists with the Army had been promoted from first Lieutenant to Captain. At a previous Council meeting, Mr. P. A. Brady, T.D., had been asked to see the Minister for Defence on the question of higher rank for the pharmacist officers.

The Licence certificates of the following were signed and sealed: Mary Josephine Cooke, Michael Corrigan and Patrick James Murphy. Miss Ellen Mary Owens, and Messrs. P. G. Gray, J. G. O'Donoghue and F. O'Reilly, were elected members of the Society. The following were nominated for membership: Miss Mary J. Terry, Dundrum Road, Dundrum, co. Dublin; Bernard Cullen, 72 Navan Road, Dublin; and Francis Eugene Smith, 90 Home Farm Road, Drumconda, Dublin.

#### TRADE NOTES

Khellin in Bulk.—T. & H. Smith, Ltd., Edinburgh, offer bulk supplies of khellin, the pure crystalline active principle of Ammi Visnaga.

Make-up Demonstration. — Innoxa (England), Ltd., I Eden Street, London, N.W.I, recently staged a demonstration at



which customers followed, step by step, the advice and example from the platform, where the make-up procedure was carried out on a professional model.

Drugs From India.—The Drug Research Laboratories of the Kashmir Government, Jammu Tawi, India, offer Indian podophyllum resin, B.P., and concentrated extracts of belladonna leaf and root; stramonium; and valerian.

Policy Range.—The range of perfumes of Zenobia, Ltd., an associated company of Genatosan, Ltd., Loughborough, is being reduced. The true flower perfumes are being retained, but lipsticks and face powders under the Zenobia brand name will no longer be manufactured.

Wrong Price Advertised.—The price of Entrosalyl tablets, 50's, is 48s. per doz., plus 15s. 5d. purchase tax, and not as stated in an announcement in this paper recently by the manufacturers, Continental Laboratories, Ltd., 101 Great Russell Street, London, W.C.1.

Finland Visits.—Intending visitors to the Olympic Games, 1952, which are being held in Helsinki, July 19 to August 3, are invited to get in touch with the Finnish Foreign Trade Association, E. Esplanadikatu 18, Helsinki, Finland, which offers to arrange appointments, plan visits to plants, etc.

Sole Importers in Eire.—P. C. Cahill & Co., Ltd., Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, have

been appointed sole importers from the United States and distributors in Eire of Merck & Co.'s Cortone (cortisone). Cortone is supplied in 20-c.c. bottles of saline suspension for injection (25 mgm. per c.c.) and as 25-mgm. tablets for oral administration in bottles of forty.

Period Discount.—T. J. Smith & Nephew, Ltd., Hull, are making available to all pharmacists from April 15 to July 4 an extra 5 per cent. display and co-operation discount on all orders of £15 and over for Elastoplast first-aid dressings. Free window displays and sales aids are available and an advertising campaign is being launched in the leading National dailies and magazines.

British Pavilion at Zagreb. — For the first time in the history of the Zagreb International Fair there will be this year (September 13-28) a British pavilion including about sixty stands. The British pavilion has been obtained by the efforts of the United Kingdom agents for the Fair: Home and Overseas Trade Fairs, 40 Gerrard Street, London, W.1. Special travel and accommodation facilities are afforded to buyers. Intending exhibitors should get in touch with the agents.

Price List Changes.—From their new price list, recently issued, and in force from April I, the Crookes Laboratories, Ltd. Park Royal, London, N.W.10, have omitted several products that are being discontinued when present stocks are exhausted. The list is being mailed to chem ists in the United Kingdom and Northerr Ireland during the next week or so, bu if, after the general distribution, any phar macist does not receive a copy, he will be sent one on request.

"Science and Deafness" Exhibition—A hearing aid disguised as a walkin stick (dated 1871), an earcup speciall made for Gladstone in 1880, and an eatrumpet (1874) designed for the Queen of Denmark, are among exhibits at an exhibition, "Science and Deafness," organise by Amplivox, Ltd., 2 Bentinck Street, Lordon, W.1, to illustrate the progress mad in hearing aid development since the 1880's. The exhibition, which has alread been shown in London, is being repeate at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Liverpool, Apres 29 to May 3, and will later visit Maichester, Leeds, Cardiff, Edinburgh an Glasgow.

#### NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL UNION

Executive and Annual Meetings

(Concluded from The Chemist and Druggist, April 12, p. 513)

THE SECRETARY outlined a scheme put orward by the International Pharmaceutial Students' Federation under which pharmaceutical students from overseas could be xchanged with British students on a working basis in pharmacies for a period of rom three to six months. It was resolved hat the N.P.U. should support the prosals. The Secretary explained a prosal put forward by the Association of ritish Pharmaceutical Industry whereby here should be, at some convenient future ate, a change from the Imperial to the netric system. The executive committee ecided not to oppose the principle.

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The annual meeting of the Chemists' Defence Association, Ltd., was held in ondon on March 26, Mr. P. Varley in he chair. The CHAIRMAN presented the fty-first annual report of the directors and

the statement of accounts as at December 31, 1951. The report and statement were adopted. The following were elected directors of the company for the year:—Messrs. A. Aldington, London; E. A. Brocklehurst, Hull; H. B. Coulson, Cambridge; B. Pugh Davies, Haverfordwest; T. N. Dixon, Bangor, Caerns; G. H. M. Graham, Newcastle-on Tyne; T. Heseltine, Normanton; H. Holmes, Torquay; D. W. Hudson, Hove; H. G. Moss, Feltham; W. T. Rees, Cheltenham; P. D. J. Spaanderman, Huthwaite, Mansfield; S. J. Stearn, Ipswich; H. Steinman, Manchester; L. H. Teare, Smethwick; W. J. Tristram, Liverpool; P. Varley, Blackpool; and F. G. Wells, London.

The thirty first annual meeting of members of the N.P.U was held in London on March 26, Mr. P. Varley in the chair.

#### LONDON (WESTERN) PHARMACISTS' DINNER

IR. W. J. TRISTRAM, J.P. (vice-president f the Pharmaceutical Society) was the nief guest at the annual dinner of Lonon (Western) Pharmacists' Association, eld in London recently. Replying to the bast "The Pharmaceutical Society," he ressed the sometimes overlooked value of he Society in keeping members of the prossion, particularly the elder members, in such with each other socially. Proposing he toast Mr. R. WOOLBY BROOKE had

stressed the need for pharmacists to concentrate on the professional side of their calling. Mr. H. E. Chapman, J.P. (secretary of the Proprietary Articles Trade Association) proposed the toast of the Western Pharmacists' Association. Replying, Mr. D. R. Evans (president) congratulated the P.A.T.A. on the way it had met the "challenge to one of our first principles—price maintenance." Dancing and entertainment followed.





the (London) Western Pharmacists' Association dinner and dance. Left: Mr. D. R. Evans, Mrs. Clifford ans and (receiving bouquet) Mrs. D. R. Evans. Right, standing, Messrs. G. H. M. Graham, H. Noble member of the executive, and secretary, respectively, of the National Pharmaceutical Union), W. J. istram, W. F. Wilkinson (secretary, London Pharmaceutical Committee), and D. R. Evans. Seated, rs. Wilkinson, Miss Chapman, Mr. H. E. Chapman, and Mrs. D. R. Evans.

#### LOCAL DINNERS AND DANCES

Liverpool Association.—The president of the Pharmaceutical Society (Mr. F. C. Wilson) and the lord mayor of Liverpool were among the guests at a dinner held by the Liverpool Chemists' Association and Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society in Liverpool on March 12. There was an attendance of 250, Mr. J. P. Murphy (president of the association and chairman of the Branch) proposed "The City of Liverpool," to which the lord mayor replied. Mr. L. A. Butt (vice-president of the Association), proposing the "Pharmaceutical Society," hoped that the Society's supplemental charter would soon be granted. Mr. F. C. Wilson (president of the Society) replied that there was no reason to suppose that the granting of the new charter would be long delayed.

Fiftieth Dinner but for War.—Replying to the toast of "the Thames Valley Pharmacists' Association" by Mr. F. C. Wilson (president of the Pharmaceutical Society) at the annual dinner and dance of the Association on March 5, Mr. A. D. Hocking (chairman) said that the first dinner of the Association was held in 1903 and that, but for the war years, the 1952 event would have been the fiftieth. Of those attending the original dinner, two were alive today, one of them (Mr. L. Higgs, vice-president of the Association) being present that evening. Continuing, Mr. Hocking said that recognition of the unqualified dispenser, which would probably take place in the near future, must certainly be granted by the Society rather than by outside organisations. Among the 160 present were Messrs. W. S. Howells (treasurer of the Pharmaceutical Society) and J. F. Thomas (Wimbledon Association).

North Staffs Branch.—Proposing the toast of "The Guests" at the annual dinner and dance of the North Staffordshire Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society in Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, on February 28, Mr. G. D. Ross (Branch president) said that he felt that the proposed levy on prescriptions might do considerable harm to the National Health Service. Chemists' relations with customers and members of the medical profession locally had always been good, and he hoped the proposals, which he was sure would not produce the economies so urgently required, would not cause friction. Among the guests were the lord mayor and lady mayoress of Stoke-on-Trent, Messrs. F. C. Wilson (pre-

sident of the Pharmaceutical Society), and J. S. Ramage (president, North Staffordshire Medical Society), and Miss M. C. Jones (warden of Birdsgrove House). Mr. C. E. Turner was presented with his badge of office as a past-president of the Branch.

Cambridge and Huntingdon.—At the annual dinner and dance of the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society held in Cambridge recently, Mr. D. E. G. Fisher (chairman), proposing "the Society," said that education was one aspect of pharmacy where there had been a great advance since the end of the war. The qualifying examination was the equivalent of a good University degree, he said. In reply, Mr. F. C. Wilson (president of the Society), said that the number of students registered was higher during the past two years than at any time since 1935. The Society was opening two research laboratories and when the results of their work were made public they would reflect great credit on pharmacy and on the Society. Mr. E. Saville Peck (a past-president of the Society) recalled that when he entered the profession, matters were "very different." There was, he said, room for a higher qualification.

Bolton Association .- The annual dinner and dance of the Bolton Pharmaceutical Association was held on April 2. The guests included Mr. C. W. Macfarlane (a member of Council of the Pharmaceutica Society) and Mr. H. Steinman (past-chair man, National Pharmaceutical Union) The president of the Association (Mr. N Berry) said in his address that a bogy existed at the moment in the shilling lev on prescriptions, and patience and co operation between doctor, chemist and patient were necessary. Mr. C. W. Mac farlane who responded to the toast of the Society, stressed that the first duty of pharmacist was loyalty to the Society, and that branches were useless unless all mem bers played their part. He would like he said, to see a greater unity between branches and a better understanding of each other's difficulties, Mr. H. Steinmar replying to the toast, "N.P.U.", said tha despite all setbacks, pharmacists could no afford to depart from the principle tha the chemists' primary concern was to us their skill and knowledge to the publi benefit. "It is service, service and mor service." (Picture, p. 541.)





Group photographed when the International Chemical Co., Ltd., were " at home " to local chemists in Liverpool, recently.



cene at annual dinner and dance of the Bolton Pharmaceutical ssociation (see p. 540). [Photo, Bolton Journal and Guardian.



he president of the Pharmaceutical Society (Mr. F. C. Vilson) with pharmacists from Cornwall and Devon at he annual dinner and dance of the Exeter Branch of the ociety.

Above: Salesmen and executives at recent annual sales conference of Herts Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. A film was shown on the use of the Polystan sponge, with explanatory talk by Dr. B. Ehrenberg (Ferrosan Export Corp. AB, Sweden).

### **NEWS IN PICTURES**



Mr. L. M. Schoenfield (managing director, Ozonol Laboratories (1930), Ltd., London), receives a presentation from a member of the staff at a silver jubilee party in London. Below: Mr. J. G. Fraser receives a silver cigarette box on his retirement from the chairmanship of Raimes, Clark & Co., Ltd., Edinburgh, in token of his fifty years' service with the company.



#### ACCOMMODATION FOR CONFERENCE VISITORS



Above, entrance hall; below, inside a study-bedroom in Florence Nightingale Hall.



EMBERS of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, 1952, will have the experience of living during the Conference week in the Halls of Residence of a modern university. For four such Halls—occupied in term time by undergraduates and certain members of the staff — have been reserved for them at Nottingham University during the Conference week. Situated in the University Park the Halls are only a few minutes'

## The Nottingham University Halls of Residence

walk from the main University building in which the science sessions and many social functions are being held. Every facility of the Halls is being made available to the visitors. The tennis courts, billiards rooms, and other amenities available to undergraduates will be open to them to use, and extra amenities, such as bars, are being provided specially during the Conference period. Single and two-bedded study-bedrooms are available in most of the Halls, the majority of them serviced with hot and cold water.

The University Park, a tract of country rising steeply from the Trent Valley, was provided, with the University buildings (opened in 1928), by Sir Jesse Boot, after wards Lord Trent. Almost every parl commands views over trees, lawns, and the University lake to hills on the south

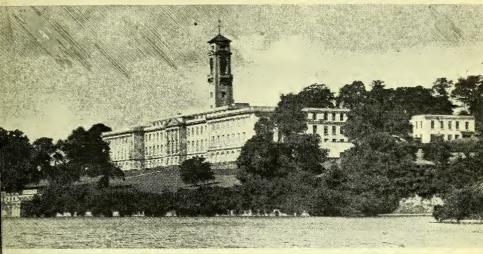
side of the wide Trent Valley.

The newest Hall of Residence (opened in September, 1951) is named after Flor ence Nightingale. Designed by the archi tect of Nottingham Council Chambe (Mr. Cecil Howitt), it has considerable architectural interest, and its x-type plan has ensured that all of the rooms receive abundant daylight. The ground floor i devoted to two common rooms (to be used as lounges), each glass-panelled and over looking gardens; a library; and a dinin room. Meals are obtained by self-servic from a spotlessly clean servery fitted is stainless steel. The Hall, which has fou floors reached by automatic lifts, was de signed for women students. Each study bedroom is equipped with a hidder enclosed wash-basin supplied with he and cold water; an interior-sprun bed; and built-in wardrobe, dressin table, electric fire, and meter. The "study" atmosphere is provided wit tables, easy chairs and book cases, etc The oldest Hall of Residence is th

At right, part of the Hugh Stewart Hall showing the original mansion brildings on which the more recent sections have been skilfully grafted. The Hall stands on a hill in the University Park, amid

gardens.





Above the lake on the rising ground of the University Park stands the University Senate House.

lugh Stewart, named after a past-principal f the former University College. The Hall aters for men students. The original uilding, on which the rest of the Hall as been grafted, was a mansion built 1 1792. The latest additions, some of nem built on the traditional stair-block rinciple, were finished in 1936. The Hall as the advantage of being close to the niversity buildings yet is hidden from em by trees, which surround its own wns and gardens. The setting is so rural at pheasants may sometimes be seen on le lawns. The dining hall seats about o diners. Waiter service is provided for nner, but a help-yourself service is noral for breakfast and luncheon. Social e in the Hall is promoted by a common om, recreation room equipped for table nnis and billiards (two tables), and two ard tennis courts. About half of the oms accommodate two people each.

Wortley Hall, also named after a pastincipal, accommodates men students in m time and is to be reserved for men sitors to the Conference. The main building retains its original appearance—that of a large private house set among gardens and lawns. It comprises library, lounge, dining room, and, on the crest of a hill, overlooks the Trent Valley. Fifty-five bedrooms have been built at the rear of the house in four modern single-story blocks, each self-contained with bathroom accommodation, etc.

The Florence Boot Hall, built about twenty years ago, houses women students in term time and lies a little to the west of the main University building across lawns. It will accommodate about 120 Conference members. Most of the study bedrooms have two single beds. Washing facilities are available in groups of enclosed cubicles.

Visitors to the Halls of Residence are asked to take their own soap and towels. As staff is limited no shoe-cleaning services are provided.

From near the Halls of Residence there is a frequent bus service to Nottingham centre.

Below: Florence Boot Hall.



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Another Reason for Prompt Pricing

HEN Mr. Hugh N. Linstead, M.P., said the House of Commons recently (see & D., April 5, p. 468) that an efficient icing system was the only way to check er-prescribing under the National Health rvice, he might have added that it would ovide a safeguard against another prace that contributes to the high cost of e service. We refer to the issue of EC10 escriptions to private patients. actice is illegal, but it is within the owledge of some contractors that it is operation to an unknown extent. If it more widespread than is realised, it counts for some part of the increase in e numbers and cost of prescriptions bend the estimates.

On the basis of the Drug Tariff, chests usually receive less than retail price preparations ordered on EC10 forms, ough there are exceptions. The use of los, therefore, for private patients, not ly puts improper charges on the Exequer but deprives the chemist of leginate income. Before the 1939-45 war. surance Committees were in the habit examining statistical samples of docs' panel prescriptions against the mediregister to verify that official prescripns were not issued to other than their ured patients. The practice lapsed at outbreak of war, and though some o years ago the Ministry issued instrucns to Executive Councils to resume the eck, it is believed that few Councils ve been systematically doing so. In any

event, the fact that, in present conditions, scripts are reaching the offices of Executive Councils for scrutiny about a year after they were written makes it difficult to maintain effective control. We have sympathy with the plea that, if doctors are to be surcharged for ordering items that are not drugs, or for issuing prescriptions to persons who are not entitled to them, they should have the matter brought to their notice while the facts of the case are fresh in their mind, and not twelve months later. In this direction also, proper pricing would facilitate the control of improper prescribing and would save public funds without prejudice to contractors. Ways of providing an efficient pricing system should be worked out without further delay.

> Personal Tenancies and Company Businesses

When, because of the practical and financial advantages to be gained, a small family business occupying rented premises is converted into a limited company, care should be taken to avoid pitfalls arising from the tenancy.

A recent decision of the Court of Appeal prevented a company from continuing to trade at the premises under an extended lease because the company was not the tenant. The business, however, was carried on by the company, which was composed of the tenant and relatives.

When the tenancy of the premises had become due to come to an end, an application had been made to the Court for an extension of the term under the Lease-Property (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1951. The application was, of course, made by the tenant, since the tenancy was not vested in the company. The Court of Appeal held that the tenant was not entitled to an extension, since the business carried on on the premises was the business of the company, and not his own. Accordingly, neither the tenant nor the company was entitled to any rights under The principle of the decision the Act. would apply equally to claims under the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1927, whether for compensation, goodwill or new lease.

The difficulty can be surmounted by

taking steps when the company is formed to secure that the tenancy is vested in it. That may be done in more than one way. Arrangements may be made with the landlord for the surrender by the tenant trader of his current lease, and the granting of a new lease to the company. Alternatively, the tenant trader who has formed the company may grant a subtenancy to the company, or may assign the tenancy to the company, Since far greater rights are conferred on tenants by the Landlord and Tenant Act. 1927, than by the Leasehold Act, 1951, the best course, perhaps, is for the tenant to assign his tenancy to the company. The company then immediately stands in the shoes of the tenant, so far as all claims against the landlord under either of those Acts are concerned.

Hospital Pharmacists' Charter

WHILE the recommendations on hospital pharmacy sent by the Pharmaceutical Society to the Ministry of Health (see p. 556) contain little new, they should meet with a wide audience at high level and react to the good of neglected sections of the profession. In general, hospital pharmacists have been striving as best they can for

the ideals of conditions and accommodation outlined, with little outside support and it is noteworthy that the Society has taken the bull by the horns and recommended improvement in salaries. salaries at present paid (even with re cent increases considered) no less than the poorness of much of the accommoda tion is "indicative of the inadequate re cognition of the importance of pharma ceutical work" in hospitals. It is difficul to decide whether the benefit intended is recommending that Society inspector should visit hospitals is for hospital phar macists or Society inspectors. If the over due representation of hospital pharmacist on higher levels is brought about it is no clear what help outside inspection woul provide, particularly as hospitals are "spe cialised institutions" knowing their responsibilities are." Any insistence on the letter of the law in such place would probably be chaotic. The econmics of small-scale manufacturing shoul be studied carefully if the products as to show a real saving over those of high mechanised commercial manufacture. It useful to be reminded that the Society still formulating a policy on technicians.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Assistants and Registration

SIR,—Having been one of the "great unqualified" for nearly thirty years, I was extremely interested in the article by Mr. H. Long, M.P.S. (C. & D., April 5, p. 480), on a suggested register of assistants. It seems unfortunate that a complete picture of the situation was not presented when such an opportunity was afforded, especially in a matter of great importance to all concerned. All fairminded persons will, of course, agree that the most suitable body to undertake the setting-up of such a register is the Pharmaceutical Society itself, but I cannot help wondering if, should Mr. Long's suggestions be adopted, it will prove fair and equitable to 'all concerned, even pharmacists themselves. For instance, stress is put upon retail experience, but are not technicians, in the great manufacturing houses to have an opportunity of applying for inclusion in the register? Also, in past years, many people, especially girls with good general educations, have entered pharmacy and proved themselves extremely

efficient at the dispensing counter aft training by their employers, though t latter have been loth to grant articles pupilage owing to the legal responsibili involved. Again, surely the holders of t "Hall" and Forces diplomas should included without question, or is the proposed technicians' examination to be of higher standard than either of these? is also pertinent to ask if those not the proposed register will be excluded from the work of the dispensary. If not, wh is the use of the register? And, if so, wh is to happen to those not qualified for clusion but who satisfy their pharmac employers? And what benefit will acci to the registered technicians? They v have no status, no vote, yet presuma will be subject to the Statutory Commit of the Society, for which they will ha the privilege of paying. With the be will in the world it behoves those of colleagues who agree with me to b themselves together so that they will he a representative body to put their c forward to the proper authorities if

vhen the time comes, and not to rely n the fairmindedness of pharmacists, which has been noticeably absent in the arious letters to the trade Press. In eneral we are necessary, if only econmically, though we can say, in the main, hat we have served pharmacy faithfully nd well. We are not only diggers of itches and washers-up, but have carried ut many heavy responsibilities which have een met adequately and to the satisfacof the pharmacist-in-charge. ressure is put upon us by compulsion to gister in order to carry out our present ork without proper status, I for one will fuse to ask for inclusion, but will confine ly activities to the counter, and leave harmacy to the pharmacist—he says he ants that, anyway. London, W.4. J. JENKINS.

#### Adrenaline Cream

Sir, — Many pounds must have been asted because of the failure of the

authorities to produce a standard formula for adrenaline cream, nowadays frequently prescribed on EC10 forms. I note with surprise the new National Formulary omits this item and am further surprised to hear that payment is allowed for an advertised proprietary preparation that retails at 5s. for 2 oz. of strength 1:5,000. Some months ago I submitted to the Pricing Bureau (which had returned many forms marked "formula required") my own recipe for adrenaline cream, which is a simple solution of adrenaline hydrochloride in water incorporated in ung. alcohol lanæ, B.P., the finished cream containing about 0.1 per cent. adrenaline, 30 per cent. water, and 0.5 per cent, phenol, which effectively prevents change of colour. My suggestion that, with adrenaline at about threepence per grain, this cream would save the Drug Fund money, was not even acknowledged! Is it not time this matter was clarified?

Twyford, Berks. Yours faithfully, C. H. PATRICK.

#### RECENT WORK IN AMERICA

ECENT developments in the pharmaceucal industry in the United States inude the first commercial production of drocortisone acetate (Kendall's compund F), by Merck & Co., Inc., Rahway, ew Jersey. The product is to be known Hydrocortone. A new process that proises to end a shortage of niacin in U.S.A. is been developed by Dr. Robert S. Aries consulting chemical engineer, of New ork City), and associates. The process es a readily available raw material (2thyl 5-ethyl pyridine), a product of the action of acetaldehyde and ammonia. istribution of Mytolon chloride (2,5-bis-

diethylaminopropyl-amino)-benzoquine-bis-benzylchloride), a new compound r relaxing muscular spasm in surgery, has en started by Winthrop-Stearns, Inc., w York. It is a red crystalline solid d its action is said to be free of undeable side reactions.—Advanced experintal work is being done by scientists at United States Army Medical Research d Graduate School, Washington, D.C., the development of a multiple-dose ph-pressure injection apparatus for use mass inoculation programmes. Impowements of an original single-shot inument have resulted in the design of automatic instruments now under test, e hand-cocked, the other operated by wo-cylinder pump.

In work to determine how aureomycin

appears to help white blood cells to combat invading organisms, Little, a micro-bologist at Lederle Laboratories, Pearl River, New York, used species of a large protozoan to represent the white blood cells. Only in the presence of aureomycin could that protozoan destroy smaller ones (representing invading bacteria), though the antibiotic did not stop the growth of the smaller organisms. The discovery is expected to be helpful in further fundamental studies on the action of aureomycin.—In the search for a commercial method for the synthesis of cortisone, Brazilian yams (see C. & D., 1948.II.338) are to be investigated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The plants will be grown by the Department itself, so that they can be studied during all phases of development.

Yogi's Draught. — The climax of the meal was his draught of a liquid stated to be nitric acid. To prove that the liquid was really acid, some was poured on to a penny in a glass. The liquid turned green, began to boil and gave of brown fumes. Having composed himself on the floor in the Yogi cross-legged position, Mr. Rao drank the liquid at a gulp. "Most people would die," Mr. Rao said, "but I will not. Yogis never die. They only die when they want to." — Daily Telegraph & Morning Post.

#### NETHERLANDS AND BELGIAN PHARMACOPŒIAS

A THIRD reprint of the 1926 Netherlands Pharmacopæia incorporating the additions and alterations of the 1934 and 1939 supplements, and a second supplement to the 1930 Belgian Pharmacopæia have been recently published. (The production of new pharmacopæias in the two countries has been held up owing to the 1939-45 war and to enemy occupation.)

#### Comparative Titles

The reprinted Netherlands Pharmacopæia contains the principal provisions of the Brussels Agreement of 1929 followed by a list comparing the titles for drugs and preparations named in the international agreement with the titles under which they figure in the Netherlands Pharmacopæia. Examples of the Dutch form of Latin nomenclature are Brometum kalicum (potassium bromide); carbonas calcicus (calcium carbonate); chloretum natricum (sodium chloride), hydrochloras cocaini (cocaine hydrochloride).

Separate monographs describe arrowroot and starches of rice, cassava, potato and wheat. The composition of the gelatin mass for making certain capsules is prescribed. Synthetic camphor is permitted to be used in the preparation of spirit of camphor provided it is intended exclusively for external use. A number of alcoholic preparations contain a small amount (less than 0.5 per cent.) of acetone. The sugar content of syrups for use in the tropics may be increased to 66 per cent. w/w. A monograph on the determination of viscosity, expressed in Engler degrees, has been included, and the directions for sterilisation have been modified.

In the original edition the title sirupus diacodii designated a preparation consisting of a mixture of equal parts of syrup of marshmallow and syrup of poppy. In the reprint it is a subtitle to "sirupus opii dilutus" (prepared by mixing 1 gm. of tincture of opium with 99 gm. of syrup.)

The following articles and preparations are among those added. In several instances the proprietary name (marked with an asterisk) of the article figures as a synonym under the Latin and Dutch titles.

Acidum allylisopropylobarbituricum (aprobarbital) Acidum iodo-oxychinolinosulfonicum (iodo-hydroxyquinoline sulphonic acid)

Acidum phenylmethylobarbituricum (Rutonal\*) Alcohol trichloroisobutylicus (Chloreton\*) Anhydromethylenocitras hexamethylentetramini

(Helmitol\*, formamol)
Diacetylaminoazotoluolum (Pellidol\*)

Monojodbehenas calcicus (Sajodin\*)

Phenylocinchoninas methylicus (Novatophaan\*) Saccharomyces cerevisiae siccum (Dried brewers'

Semen cucuritae (Seeds of Cucurbita moschata)
Syrupus thymi bromatus (Sirupus contra pertussim)

Solutio brometi calcici (25 per cent, solution w/w of calcium bromide in water)

Solutio mastichis adhaesiva (liquid adhesive)
Sulfas ortho-oxychinolini (Superol\*, hydroxyquinoline sulphate)
Tinctura polygalæ amaræ

The monographs are followed by a large number of lists and tables including: Substances mentioned in the Pharmacopœia but not described, first aid in cases of sudden poisoning, reagents, volumetric solutions, indicators, specific gravities vapour pressure of hydrated compounds atomic weights, calibration of glass measuring apparatus and buffer solutions.

#### Supplement

The supplement to the Belgian Pharma copœia is devoted chiefly to monograph describing new medicaments. The intro duction contains notes on qualitative re actions and general tests for the identif cation of inorganic groups and on genera tests for purity follow, including compara tive tests to determine the term "colour less." The determination of "limpidity is carried out by comparison with a su pension of kaolin. Limit tests for impur ties by comparison with standard solution are given. A table giving the composition of the standards is appended. Next as given the monographs describing addition to the Pharmacopæia.

The second part of the supplement devoted to descriptions of a number additional reagents and test solution lists of the amounts of each of the nemedicaments to be kept in stock in phamacies, in medicinal depôts in charge physicians (hospitals, etc.), and by vettinary surgeons; tables of the doses of nemedicaments; storage of toxic substance and a list of those new medicaments the must be protected from light.

Support for Eisteddfod.—The RI Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society Indecided to support financially the Roy National Eisteddfod of Wales, 1953, whi is to be held in Rhyl. An award is to made in one of the chief choral competions, and the Branch is seeking contributions from its members and the trade.

Short

#### $C. \mathcal{E} D.$ REFRESHER COURSE for Pharmacists

COLIN GUNN, B. Pharm., Ph.C. Assisted by S. J. CARTER, B. Pharm, Ph. C.
D. R. BRAGG, B.Sc. Hons. (Lond.), B. Pharm., Ph. C.,
and E. J. FITCHETT, Ph. C.

#### 13—BARBITURATES

"Come, sleep! O sleep, the certain knot of peace . . .

#### Mode of Action

TTEMPTS to define the exact site of action in the brain of barbiturates which are central nervous system depressnts) have not been successful. It seems, owever, that the sleep centres are affeced by drugs causing hypnosis, and the

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY, SONNET XXXIX ready absorption may be assured. As a group, elimination takes place in several ways:-

1. By the kidneys, mainly unchanged, particularly with the longer acting compounds.

By the liver, with the intermediate and short acting com-

pounds.

With the ultrart acting cominds other tissues y be involved in detoxification pros. Often a com-ation of the first second effects urs.

LENGTH OF ACTION	Name	ELIMINATED BY: K = Kidney L = Liver	AVERAGE	Route
Long	Barbitone Barbitone sodium Methylphenobarbitone Methylphenyl barbituric acid Phenobarbitone Phenobarbitone sodium	ditto Partly L Up to 40	gr. 5 to 10 gr. 5 to 10 gr. 1 to 3 gr. 3 gr. ½ to 2 { gr. ½ to 2 gr. 1 to 3	I.v. or i.m.
Intermediate	Allobarbitone Amylobarbitone sodium Butobarbitone Butobarbitone sodium Isobutyl allyl barbit- uric acid	K and L  Mainly L  K and L	gr. ½ to 3 gr. ½ to 5 gr. 3 to 10 gr. 5 to 15 gr. 1 to 2 gr. 2 to 5	Oral I.v. injection Oral

gr. 3 to 6

gr. 4 to 8

gr. 11 to 3

gr.  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 3

Oral

ditto

Oral

Oral and i.v. injection

Hexobarbitone sodium (gr. 3 to 15 I.v. or i.m. injection Detoxified gr. 30 to 60 Rectally by body Ultra short Thiopentone sodium tissues gr. 1½ to 8 Intravenous injection Thialbarbitone sodium Stated to be twice Intravenous that of thiopentone injection sodium

K and L

Mainly L

ditto

ditto

The most useful sification of these gs from a theratic point of view based on their duration of action. The table opposite is generally accepted as descriptive of those in use in Britain. The dividing line between the groups is, as might be expected, not always well defined.

Certain general fields of usefulness can be attributed to each of the four groups. When a prolonged hypnotic is action required,

phenobarbitone and barbitone are used. Of the two, phenobarbitone is longer in onset and duration. The additional marked anti-convulsant properties of phenobarbitone make it most useful in the treatment of epilepsy, and in this respect, methylphenobarbitone has a similar action but its hypnotic effect is less marked. Barbitone is the most slowly ex-

barbiturates rtical by those centres iving a predominantly anti-convulsant tion.

Cyclobarbitone

Hexobarbitone

Pentobarbitone sodium

Quinalbarbitonesodium

#### bsorption and Excretion

The wide range of barbiturates available akes it possible to select suitable drugs r use orally, by intramuscular or intranous injection, and rectally, so that creted and accumulation may therefore occur. Compounds of the intermediate group are most suitable as soporifics. Members of the short-acting group are particularly useful for those patients who are unable to fall asleep readily, but, once asleep,

H-N-CO
They are also widely used pre-operatively to enable patients to reach the operating theatre in a calm state.

H-N-CO That facilitates the adminis-Barbituric Acid tration of an anæsthetic, of

which less is then required. Compounds in the ultra-short acting group are used for intravenous anæsthesia and may be used alone if full muscular relaxation is not required. The members of this group are also used prior to the administration of a general anæsthetic. The more ready solubility of the sodium salts makes the onset of action

of the salts quicker than that of the parent substance. In obstetrics, drugs of the middle groups are frequently used in the first stages of labour, although later fœtal respiration may be adversely affected for these drugs penetrate the placental barrier. Used rectally in suppository form, the shortacting barbiturates are particularly useful in pædia-trics. The many uses of these compounds in psychiatric treatment is outside the scope of this review but mention must be made of the intravenous use of the sodium salts of phenobarbitone and amylobarbitone in controlling convulsions caused by cocaine, strych-

nine, etc. As a group, the drugs are of little use in insomnia caused by pain and for this reason they are frequently prescribed in conjunction with analgesic drugs, for example, phenacetin.

#### Toxic Effects

Toxic effects are usually attributable to over dosage or prolonged usage. Most barbiturates cause some degree of respiratory depression, particularly on intravenous injection. For this reason means to combat respiratory failure should always be at hand when the thiobarbiturates are used. Hypersensitivity may be manifested as ex-

citement and delirium. Skin eruptions particularly after long use of phenobarbitone have been reported. True addiction, as occurs with morphine, is generally believed not to occur with barbiturates, but habiformation does undoubtedly occur. With over dosage, respiration and circulation are depressed, the blood pressure falls, re flexes are diminished and coma follows Death usually occurs from respiratory failure or pneumonia following pulmonary ædema. The drugs should be used cauti ously for patients with kidney and live disease on account of their method o excretion.

Structure and Therapeutic Action

The modifying effects of introducing different chemical groups into chemical groups into a Barbiturate general substance are well illus-

#### CHEMISTRY OF THE BARBITURATES

CHEMISTRI OF THE BURBLICKHIES								
Name R		R'	R″	X				
Barbitone	CH3—CH2—	CH <sub>3</sub> —CH <sub>2</sub> —	Н	С				
Phenobarbitone		ditto	н	0				
Methylpheno- barbitone	ditto	ditto	СНз	o				
Hexobarbitone	\ \>-	CH <sub>3</sub> —	СН3	С				
Cyclobarbitone	ditto	CH3—CH2— CH2=CH—CH2—	H	C				
Thialbarbitone	ditto CH <sub>2</sub> =CH—CH <sub>2</sub> —	ditto	Н	C				
Quinalbarbitone	CH <sub>3</sub> —CH <sub>2</sub> —CH <sub>2</sub> —CH—			п				
Pentobarbitone Thiopentone	ĆH₃ ditto ditto	CH <sub>3</sub> —CH <sub>2</sub> — ditto	TII	000				
Amylobarbitone	CH <sub>3</sub> —CH—CH <sub>2</sub> —CH <sub>2</sub> — CH <sub>3</sub>	ditto	н	c				
Butobarbitone	CH3—CH2—CH2—CH2—	ditto	н	C				

trated in the case of the barbiturates. The are all derivatives of barbituric acid whic possesses little or no narcotic action of i

The requirements for activity may ! summarised as follows:—

I. Both hydrogen atoms at position must be substituted by hydrocarbon group

2. These groups at position 5 should have a total of four to eight carbon atom (Th'albarbitone is an exception).

3. Each of the two groups at position should have two or more carbon atom (Hexobarbitone is an exception).

4. One of the groups at position must be aliphatic but the other may

romatic, alicyclic or aliphatic.

5. Unsaturated groups at position 5 pnfer greater activity than the corres-

onding saturated groups.

6. A cyclic substituent produces a impound less stable in the body and erefore shorter in action. (Cyclobarbitone hd hexobarbitone).

7. Replacement of hydrogen at posion 3 by an alkyl group or oxygen at position 2 by sulphur increases the ac-

vity and shortens its duration.

8. Anti-convulsant action in nonæsthetic doses appears to be a property a phenyl group substituent. (Phenobar-

$$N = C - O^{*}$$
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 $N =$ 

tone and methylphenobarbitone). A lective depressing action on the motor rtex is exhibited by compounds of this

The barbiturates are only slightly solle in water but form the more soluble dium salts on treatment with sodium droxide solution.

The barbiturates exist in two forms, tam and lactim, between which there a dyamic equilibrium (tautomerism). It the lactim form which confers activity, hydrogen atom marked with an asterisk ing ionisable. In the sodium salts this idic hydrogen atom is replaced by lium. The salts form alkaline solutions e to hydrolysis and precipitate the free rbiturate on acidification.

#### spensing Problems

The barbiturates are most commonly escribed in tablet form. In tablet makdifficulty is encountered in preparing plets of barbitone and phenobarbitone ich will disintegrate in the usual official te of fifteen minutes, hence thirty mins is specified in the Pharmacopæia. Rent work by Berry and Ridout suggests it this difficulty may be overcome by use of alginic acid as a disintegrating In the preparation of injections, water for injection used must be freed m carbon dioxide to avoid decomposin (article 7, C. & D., January 26, p. 121). aqueous mixtures various incompatibilioccur. For instance, the sodium salts decomposed in acid solution with precipitation of the free base (which, however, may be soluble if the dilution is great). In a similar way the free barbiturates are precipitated from solutions of their sodium salts by sodium bicarbonate. This may seem surprising at first sight but it must be remembered that sodium bicarbonate has a replacable hydrogen ion and in such mixtures acts as an acid. In the above cases the precipitate should be diffusible. With ammonium bromide a reaction takes place with the sodium salts as follows:—

BONa + NH<sub>1</sub>Br = NaBr + NH<sub>3</sub> + BOH. Sodium barbiturate + ammonium bromide = sodium bromide +

turate.

 $\begin{array}{c|c}
N = C - ONa \\
 & | R \\
O = C \\
 & | R' \\
\hline
 & R' - N - C = C
\end{array}$ Sodium salt of

Permission to substitute sodium or potassium bromide should be sought. It should be remembered that the

ammonia + free barbi-

therapeutic effect is due to the bromide radicle and if a substitution is made an equivalent amount of the sodium or potasium salt should be used, for example, 103 parts of sodium bromide are equivalent to 98 parts of ammonium bromide.

#### REVISION QUESTIONS

1. Why are the barbiturates frequently prescribed in conjunction with analysis drugs?

2. What group of barbiturates is produced by introducing a sulphur atom into the molecule and what particular characteristic does this substitution confer?

(Answers p. 558)

## A PHARMACIST'S ANTHOLOGY

I FELL sick, fevered, and in less than three hours, became quite delirious. Physicians were instantly called, I was plentifully blooded in the foot, my lower extremities were bathed in a decoction of salutiferous herbs; in ten hours after I was taken ill I enjoyed a critical sweat, and next day felt no remains of the distemper, but an agreeable lassitude, which did not hinder me from getting up. During the progress of this fever, which, from the term of its duration, is called Ephemera, my father never once quitted my bedside, but administered the prescriptions of the physicians, with the most pious care; while captain Bowling manifested his concern by the like attendance.-From "The Adventures of Roderick Random," by Tobias Smollett.

#### MEDICAL ABSTRACTS

Drugs for Epilepsy.—In an observation on 212 patients, Ives (" Journal of the American Medical Association," 1951.147. 1332-35) found that phenobarbitone controlled the highest percentage of patients and gave the lowest incidence of toxic manifestations. Mephobarbital (mebaral) and diphenylhydantoin (Dilantin) rivalled each other in effective alleviation of the seizures, and in their toxicities. Methylphenylethyl hydantoin (Mesantoin), amphetamine (Benzedrine) sulphate, and trimethadione (Tridione) controlled or helped some patients but made a greater number of them sick. Nuvarone, an experimental drug provided by Abbott Laboratories, proved of aid but hazardous (giving a 62 per cent. incidence of toxic manifestations, the report states).

Anti-seasickness Drugs. - Glaser and Hervey (" Lancet," 1952.262.490-92) give the results of trials with a number of drugs and admixtures for preventing motion sickness on 150 volunteer soldiers. The tests were made in a swimming pool with artificially produced waves. Mixtures of hyoscine hydrobromide and promethazine hydrochloride, and hyoscine alone were more effective than promethazine alone. There was no evidence that a mixture of the two drugs was more, or less, effective than hyoscine alone. Hyoscine alone was found to be more effective when given one and a quarter hours before commencing the motion than ten minutes before (when it was still effective). Glyceryl trinitrate was found by the authors to be totally ineffective.

Treatment of Peptic Ulcers.—Lawrence ("Lancet," 1952.262.482-85) reports on the study of methods of treatment of duodenal, gastric or anastomotic ulcers. was found that antacids (particularly magnesium trisilicate) were more effective than placebos (e.g., barium sulphate) in the relief of pain. Seventy patients were placed on normal hospital diet, seventy on a special (Lenhartz) diet. On average, ulcers took longer to heal in the second group than in the first, but the acid and pepsin content of the stomach was better controlled in the second group. Administra-tion of milk in twelve patients via an œsophagal tube resulted in more rapid easing of pain than in a control group: the improvement on the healing time was, however, very small. The author concludes that the present methods and dietetic treatment of peptic ulcers do not hasten (and may delay) healing, and recommends a "less restricted regime."

Staining of Teeth by PAS. — Joseph ("British Dental Journal," 1951.1.241-42) describes instances of staining of the teeth caused by taking para-aminosalicylic acid (PAS) discovered by him in his work in the Royal Army Dental Corps. The stains vary in colour from slight yellow to brownish black, and the variations may be explained by the colour changes which a solution of the drug undergoes on exposure to sunlight. Two patients who never cleaned their teeth had the most marked staining, but the highest incidence of staining was in the women's wards of the hospital, where the patients were "very conscious" of the appearance of their teeth; the lowest incidence of staining was amongst the young patients who had wellformed arches, normal occlusion, and no recession of the gums, and whose teeth had smooth clean surfaces. To avoid staining, the author advises taking the solution by means of a straw, and brushing the teeth immediately afterwards, or taking the drug in the form of a tablet or cachet.

Duration of Insulin Action.—With the help of young healthy student volunteers Gerritzen ("British Medical Journal. 1952.1.249-50) studied the action of different insulins under closely controlled experimental conditions. His results showed that, with regular insulin, the blood sugar reached its lowest point one hour after the injection and returned to its starting poin in eight hours. Protamine-zinc insulin had a duration of action of eighteen hour ("contrary to many data"), the lowes point in blood-sugar level being reached in five to eight hours. Samples of di-in sulin and of globin-insulin had a duration of action of sixteen hours, the greates effect being in the first three hours. As iso-insulin sample had a duration of action of seventeen hours, with a steep decreas in blood sugar during the first hour. Tw brands of NPH insulin (a product in which protamine is completely combined with in sulin) gave a duration of action of elever hours, with the lowest point after fou hours. With insulin mixtures the duration appeared not to depend on regular in sulin content except that the decrease dur ing the first three hours was greatest wit the mixture containing the highest propor tion of regular insulin.

#### TRADE REPORT

pot quotations for pharmaceutical chemicals represent the prices for wholesale quanties of standard quality. Prices of crude drugs and essential oils vary as to brand or grade.

LONDON, APRIL 16 OLLOWING the cut in the price of Lis-UTH SALTS last week, manufacturers of AGNESIUM TRISILICATE have notified reictions in their schedules. Bulk quanti-es are now sixpence per lb., and small ts about sevenpence halfpenny per lb.,

elow previous quotations.

There were no major changes either in rice trends or in volume of business one in the CRUDE DRUGS market during be week. Prime Cape Aloes can still bought on the spot at a figure well nder c.i.f. quotations. Holders of IFECA-TANHA at origin are anxious to do busiess, but there seems to be little demand om consumers at present. Replies to intiries sent overseas for nearly all comodities are now being received more eedily than for many years, showing a ady inclination on holders' part to sell. In the ESSENTIAL OILS market PETIT-RAIN Paraguay eased by 1s. 6d. per lb. the spot. The Board of Trade anounced today plans for the import of ose goods (including essential oils. oney olive oil, etc.) removed from open neral licence in November, 1951 (see 558). In the case of essential oils the lue of licences will amount to £1.5 milns, c.i.f., against £2.4 millions in the evious period. A higher figure, however, s been given for the group of edible oils nich includes Almond, Olive, etc. In at group licences will be issued to the lue of £900,000 (against £350,000). The nount of Honey to be imported remains e same at £5,000.

.S. Drug and Chemical Report

NEW YORK, APRIL 15 E chemical trade is reported to be distisfied with the export quotas set for the ond quarter of 28 million lb. of benzene xachloride and five million lb. of DDT. ley claim that surpluses here would perheavier shipments abroad, Among NE CHEMICALS, LAURYL CHLORIDE has opped 3 cents per lb. to 72 cents in ums. An improved tone in Brazilian ENTHOL is said to be making it difficult locate spot material lower than \$6.50. 10 cents higher than previous quotations. e recent rising movement in CRUDE tugs appears to have come to an abrupt d as several declines have been recorded. wer demand brought Senega down to 30 per lb. (off 20 cents), while some irres reported material in 1-ton lots as v as \$2.00. In Essential oils the disal of distressed lots of Bois de Rose mitted a strengthening to \$4.25 per lb. o to 5 cents). Dwindling stocks also osted ANISE to \$1.75 (10 cents). Oils

lower per lb. included CINNAMON BARK at \$25.00 (down \$5.00); GINGER, \$16.50 (50) cents); East Indian NUTMEG, \$3.90 (10 cents); West Indian nutmeg \$3.70 (5 cents); West Indian BAY, \$1.55 (10 cents) and Celery, \$16.00 (50 cents).

#### Alcohol

PRICES (exclusive of duty) of ethyl alcohol per proof gall, are as follows:-

Plain British Spirit (95 per cent. Gay Lussac,  $66 \ o.p.$ ); where the number of proof gall, taken over any one year ended December 31 is 300,000 or over the price is 4s.  $5\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 200,000 and less than 300,000. 4s. 6d.; 100,000 and less than 200,000,  $4s. <math>6\frac{1}{2}d.$ ; 50,000 and less than 100,000, 4s. 7d.; 10,000 and less than 50,000. 4s.and less than 50,000, and less than 10,000,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 2,500 4s. 7½d 4s. 8½d.

Absolute Alcohol, 99.5 per cent., 74.5 o.p., is one penny more per proof gall. than Plain British Spirit; the special high strength (99.9 per cent., 75.2 o.p.) is threepence more Doublurgetified Alcohol threepence more. Doubly-rectified Alcohol (S.V.R.), 95.8 per cent., 68 o.p. is two-pence more per proof gall, and P.I. Recti-fied Alcohol, 96.1 per cent., 68.5 o.p. sixpence more than Plain British Spirit. R.R. Absolute Alcohol (re-rectified, 99.7 per cent., 75 o.p.), 14s. per bulk gall. net.

Methylated Spirit

METHYLATORS' rates per gall. in Great Britain are as follows :-

Industrial Methylated spirit: Strength 75. 6d.; 100 gall. and over, in one delivery.
75. 6d.; 100 gall. and under 500 gall.,
75. 8d.; 30 gall. and under 100 gall.,
75. 10d.; 10 gall. and under 30 gall., 8s.;
5 gall. and under 10 gall., 8s. 3d. Strength 64 o.p., 1d. per gall.; 66 o.p. (B.P.), 2d.: 68 o.p., 3d.: and 74 o.p., 7½d. more than the above rates. Tank wagon delivery: One halfpenny per gall. off list price:—minimum 500 gall. For industrial methylated spirit of standard toilet quality prices are 31d, per gall, above foregoing prices.

Pyridinised industrial methylated spirit: Strength 61 o.p., 500 gall, and over, in one delivery, 7s, 8½d.; 100 gall, and under 500 gall, 7s, 10½d.; 30 gall, and under 100 gall, 8s, 0½d.; 10 gall, and under 30 gall., 8s, 2½d.; 5 gall, and under 10 gall, 8s, 5½d. Strength 64 o.p., 1d. per gall.

more than foregoing rates.

Mineralised methylated spirit: Strength 610,p., in one delivery, 100 gall, and under 500 gall., 7s. 10\frac{1}{2}d.; 30 gall, and under 100 gall., 8s. 0\frac{1}{2}d.; 10 gall, and under 30 gall., Ss. 2\frac{1}{2}d.; 5 gall, and under 10 gall. 8s. 52d. Strength 64 o.p., 1d. per gall, more than foregoing rates.

Methylated resin finish is 3d, per gall. over, and methylated shellac finish, 1s, per gall. over the prices for pyridinised methylated spirit.

Terms: Delivered free and carriage paid on returned empties; cash one month less  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.; packages charged, credited in full on return.

#### Pharmaceutical Chemicals

ASCORBIC ACID.—1-kilo lots for the home trade are £14 per kilo; 500-gm., £14 10s. per kilo.

CALCIUM GLUCONATE. — Quantities of 3 cwt. and upwards are quoted at 4s. per lb.; 1 cwt. to 2 cwt., 4s. 1d.; smaller quantities, up to 4s. 4d. per lb.

CHLORAL HYDRATE.—In 1-cwt. lots the

price is 5s. 5d. per lb.

Chloroform.—1-ewt, lots in winchesters are now 3s. 6d. per lb.; 56-lb., 3s.  $6\frac{1}{2}$ d. In drums, prices are 3s. 4d. and 3s.  $4\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Cocaine. — Rates per oz. are as follows: Alkaloid and Salicylate, bottles 4-oz., 27s. each; ½-oz., 53s. each; 1-oz., 104s.; 4-oz., 103s.; 8-oz., 102s.; 16-oz., 101s.; tins, 25-oz., 109s. Hydrochloride and Nitrate, bottles, ½-oz., 24s. 6d. each; ½-oz., 48s. each; 1-oz., 94s.; 4-oz., 93s. 3d.; 8-oz., 92s. 3d.; 16-oz., 91s. 6d.; tins, 25-oz., 90s. 6d.

Hydrocyanic acid. — Dilute, B.P.C., is from 1s. 4d. to 1s. 11d. per lb. as to quantity; Scheeles is from 1s. 8d. to 2s. 3d.

Toddes.—Rates (per lb.) for Potassium are as follows:—1-cwt., 18s. 1d.; 28-lb., 18s. 7d.; 7-lb., 22s. 2d. Sodium iodide is: 1-cwt., 19s. 7d.; 28-lb., 20s. 1d.; 7-lb., 23s. 10d.

Iodine preparations.—Rates (per lb.) are as follows:—Resublimed iodine, 1-cwt., 21s. 3d.; 28-lb., 21s. 9d.; 7-lb., 25s. 9d. Iodoform powder, 1-cwt., 25s. 4d.; 28-lb., 25s. 10d.; 7-lb., 30s. 6d. (Crystal, 2s. 8d. per lb. more).

Magnesium trisilicate. — Lower. In 28-lb. packages the prices (per lb.) are now as follows:—28-lb., 4s. 9½d.; 1-cwt., 3s. 10d.; 5-cwt.. 3s. 8d. Lower quotations for larger quantities.

Potassium bromate.—In 5-ewt, lots. 7s, per lb. In small quantities the prices range up to 8s. 9d, per lb.

Procaine hydrochloride. — 1-cwt. lots are 45s.; 28-lb., 47s, 6d.; 7-lb., 49s.

SALOL, B.P.C.—Current quotations for quantities of 1 cwt. are 9s. to 10s. 6d. per lb., according to pack; 28-lb., 10s. 6d.; 14-lb., 13s. 0½d.; 7 lb., 16s. 1d.

Terpineol.—Prices of B.P. grade are from 4s. per lb. upwards as to quantity.

ZINC OXIDE.—Minimum (2 tons) rates are as follows:—B.P., £220 per ton; white seal, £208 15s.; green seal, £207 15s.; red seal, £206 5s.

#### Crude Drugs

AGAR.—Firm, Kobé No. 1 on the spot 12s, 6d. per lb. Forward, buyers' licenc 7s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f.

Aloes, — Prime Cape on the spot offered at from 200s, to 202s, 6d, per cw Forward quotations are about 206s., c.i Curação is 425s, per cwt., on the spot.

BALSAMS. — Canada is 32s. 6d. per lon the spot. Copaiba: Para is offered 18s. 6d. per lb., duty paid, Peru is 16s. 5 per lb., duty paid, and 13s. 9d., c.if., f shipment. Tolu, natural is steady on t spot at 33s. 6d. per lb., and for shipmen 31s., c.if.

BELLADONNA.—ROOT is from 3s, 3d. 4s, 4d. per lb., on the spot, duty pa according to test. Leaves are from 3s, 5s, per lb., as to test.

Benzoin.—No. 1 Sumatra block on t spot is quoted at from £27 10s. per ex and for shipment, £26 (or a shade unde c.i.f. Siam almonds are from 27s. 6d. 37s. 6d. per lb., spot, as to size.

Buchu.—Short round leaves, new-creare 2s. 3d. per 1b., old-crop, 2s. 2d.

CAMPHOR. — Chinese (B.P.) powder the spot is from 4s, 3d, per lb, in bo (4s, 9d., duty paid); \(\frac{1}{4}\cdot \)oz. tablets \(\epsilon\) quoted at 6s. per lb., duty paid. \(2\frac{1}{2}\) slabs, 5s, 3d, per lb., duty paid. Synthe is from 4s, to 4s. 3d. per lb.

CANTHARIDES. — Chinese is offered 7s. 6d. per lb. in bond.

Capsicums.—Abyssinian are from 14 to 180s, per cwt. on the spot; 110s. 120s., c.i.f. East African, on stalk, 150s, per cwt., and off stalk from 18 to 200s.

CARDAMOMS.—Aleppy greens for Ap May shipment, are 14s. 3d. per lb., c.i spot, 17s, 6d.

Cascara sagrada.—American bark, 19 peel, is from 320s, per cwt., duty pa and 290s., c.i.f., forward.

CHERRY BARK,—Thin cut natural is q ted at 2s, 2d. per lb., duty paid, ex wa house London.

Chillies.—Quiet. Sierra Leone on spot are 220s. per cwt.; for shipme 175s., c.i.f.; East African (Mombas 275s., ex warehouse; for shipment, 26 c.i.f.

GINGER.—African on the spot is 15 per cwt.; Jamaican No. 3 is 180s., c.i spot quotations are from 210s, to 225s, cwt. as to quantity. Cochin, 132s. 6d. cwt., c.i.f.

GUM ACACIA.—Kordofan cleaned sorts the spot are 115s, per cwt.; shipment, 9 . c.i.f., buyer's licence.

Henna.—Indian leaves are about { per cwt., on the spot. April-May st ment of Sudanese are quoted at 110s., c

IPECACUANHA.—Forward offers of Nicarguan, April-May shipment, are from 45s. o 46s. per lb., c.i.f. Spot prices of Colmbian are 52s. per lb., and Nicaraguan, 5s.

KARAYA.-No. 1 gum on the spot is about

00s. per cwt.; No. 2, 200s.

LIQUORICE. — Anatolian natural whole oot on spot in London is quoted at 52s, 6d, er cwt.; Syrian, natural, is 42s, 6d. urkish block juice quotations are from 80s, upwards, according to holder, duty aid, Turkish stick is 240s, per cwt., duty aid; Italian stick, 475s, per cwt., duty aid.

MACE. — West Indian pale blade is s. 6d. per lb.; for shipment, 8s. 11d., c.i.f.

MENTHOL.—Quotations for Chinese are 2s. per lb., and Brazilian, 50s., both duty id. Brazilian forward price for Aprilay shipment is 41s. 6d., c.i.f.

MYRRH.—Aden selected sorts are quoted from £17 to £18 per cwt., on the spot. ftings are from £7 10s. to £8 10s.

SEEDS. — Markets generally unchanged om last week.

SENEGA.—Spot supplies are from 15s. 16s. 6d. per lb., according to holder.

SENNA.—Tinnevelly leaves on the spot e as follows: Prime No. 1, limited supies at 1s. 6½d. per lb.; No. 2, 1s. 4d.; o. 3, 1s. For May-June shipment, dryop, f.a.q. pods are 1s. 10d. per c.i.f. d f.a.q. leaves, No. 1, 1s. 1d.; No. 2, d., c.i.f.

SHELLAC.—Lower, Spot quotations are: O.T.N., pure, 210s.; F.O. Standard No. 235s.; fine orange, 270s. to 345s per

t., ex-London warehouse.

Squill. — Italian white new-crop is ered from origin at 57s. 6d, per cwt., f. London. Spot is from 60s, per cwt. Tragacanth.—No. 1 ribbon on the spot £155 per cwt.; No. 2, £135; No. 3, £100. Valerian.—Whole Belgian on the spot quoted at about 205s. per cwt.. spot, d 190s., c.i.f., for shipment. Indian is 9s. per cwt.. spot London; for shipnt, 145s., c.i.f., quoted.
Waxes.—Bees'.—Dar-es-Salaam on the

ot is 445s, per cwt.; shipment, 390s., f. Benguela on the spot is 460s per t. nominal, in bond; shipment, 390s., f. Candellila.—Spot supplies are ofed at 640s, per cwt.; no shipment offers. RNAUBA.—Prime vellow, spot, 1,000s, per .; shipment, 940s., c.i.f. Fatty grey, t 760s, per cwt.; shipment, 750s., c.i.f. NTAN.—Reibeck crude on the spot is bs. per cwt. Ouricuri.—Spot 0.5 per t. impurities, 700s, per cwt. Spermani.—Spot supplies are from 2s. to 2s. 3d. lb.

VITCH HAZEL.—Leaves on the spot are ted at 2s. per lb.

#### **Essential and Expressed Oils**

Almond. — English-expressed is from 6s. 6d. per lb.

AMBER.—Rectified on the spot is quoted at from 1s. 6d. per lb.

Anise.—Steady. Spot supplies are from 8s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

BERGAMOT.—Nominal spot value is 115s.

CANANGA.—Supplies on the spot are quoted at from 57s. 6d. per lb.

CARDAMOM.—Quotations are from 455s. per lb. for spot material.

Cassia.—Spot supplies are offered from

21s. per lb.
CEDARWOOD.—Spot quotations for Kenya

are from 4s. 6d. per lb.

CHENOPODIUM.—1-cwt. lots are 67s. 6d.

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CITRONELLA. — Spot prices for original drums are: Ceylon, 4s, 9d, per lb.; Formosa and Java, 6s, 3d. Forward quotations are: Ceylon, 4s, 7d.; Formosa, 4s, 6d., and Java, 4s, 7½d, per lb., all c.i.f.

CUBEBS.—English-distilled is offered at from 50s. to 55s. per lb. Imported is quo-

ted at 60s. per lb.

DILL.—English-distilled oil is quoted at about 65s, per lb. for B.P. quality. Imported oils are offered at 40s, per lb. with East Indian at 30s., spot.

GINGER. — English-distilled oil is from 120s, to 150s, per lb., as to grade. Imported oils are available at from 100s, per lb.

JUNIPER BERRY. — Imported oils are offered at from 19s. per lb., duty paid. English-distilled is offered at 75s. to 95s. per lb., as to seller and grade.

LAVENDER.—French, 40-42 per cent. linalol on the spot is from 43s, per lb. Spanish spike is 13s, per lb.

LAVANDIN.—Quotations for spot supplies are about 23s. per lb.

LEMON. — Sicilian hand-pressed (4 per cent, citral) is quoted at from 50s, per lb., c.i.f.

Lemongrass, — Forward quotations are 9s, 3d. per lb.. c.i.f., prompt shipment, Spot supplies are from 10s. 3d. per lb.

PEPPERMINT. — Chinese arrensis oil on the spot is 34s. 6d. per lb.; Brazilian 26s.; Italian "Mitcham" type, 62s. per lb.

PETITGRAIN. —Paraguay is offered at 22s, 6d. per lb., c.i.f. Spot supplies are lower at 24s. 6d. per lb.

PINE.—Pumilionis on the spot is quoted at from 18s. to 20s. per lb.; sylvestris is at about 11s. per lb., and Siberian (abictis) is from 18s. to 20s. per lb., duty paid, as to holder.

VETIVERT.—Bourbon in original drums is 182s. 6d. per lb., spot.

#### REPORT ON PHARMACY IN HOSPITALS

THE Pharmaceutical Society recently sent to the Ministry of Health a memorandum and recommendations, several thousand words long, on the status of pharmaceutical services in hospitals. The present time when the Ministry is holding an inquiry into the efficiency and economy of the hospital pharmaceutical service has been deliberately chosen for submitting the report

The report summarises the history of pharmacy in hospitals. It lays down as the first essential for an efficient and economical pharmaceutical service the recognition of the principle that pharmacy is not a subsidiary or ancillary calling but one which has its own corpus of knowledge and sphere of operations, develops its own standards of practice and is responsible only to its professional conscience and to the public for the quality of its work.

#### Administration

There is need for pharmaceutical advice at all administrative levels. Only pharmacists should have advisory status on pharmaceutical matters and those responsible for giving pharmaceutical advice should be in a position to volunteer it and provide it on request.

The Society acknowledges the improved standing given to pharmacy in the Ministry in recent years and the beneficial effects on the pharmaceutical services which have resulted from it. It considers an increase in the number of pharmacists on the Central Health Services Council necessary to ensure a fully representative pharmaceutical opinion.

Nothing is more indicative of the inadequate recognition of the importance of pharmaceutical work in the past than the provision made in hospitals for the accommodation and equipment of the department where such work is carried on. The pharmaceutical department requires to be carefully planned in relation to its own needs and the needs of other departments, actual and potential, and given a position where it can serve them best. However, it is commonly found in cramped, unsuitable premises as though it were a matter of indifference how it should be designed or placed.

In planning pharmaceutical arrangements in hospitals account should be taken of the facilities offered by and the nee of the general practitioner and local heat services. It may be desirable for examp for a hospital to be responsible for the pharmaceutical needs of the local heat service, for an interchange of supplies the tween local pharmacies and a hospit to be available regularly or in an emit gency, or for the pharmaceutical needs small hospitals to be met by pharmacies.

#### Regional Level

There is unquestionably a need for court of appeal in professional matters at this task could be admirably performed the regional level. The appointment chief pharmacists in hospitals is also matter which should be the concern of tregion. The successful solution of all the problems involves a regional pharmaceu cal administration consisting of an adviso Committee representative of hospital pharmacists in the region and an executi pharmaceutical officer on a full-time part-time basis. There should also be pharmacist on the Regional Board. that case he would act as chairman of tadvisory committee.

There is need for pharmaceutical representation on hospital management committees, Each hospital where the preparation and dispensing of medicines is carrie on should have a pharmaceutical deparament in charge of a pharmacist with the status of chief pharmacist, Pharmaceutic arrangements outside the pharmaceutic department should be under the control the chief pharmacist and those in any hopital without a pharmaceutical department should be under the control of a chipharmacist at another hospital in the group.

The work of a pharmaceutical deparment is outlined, this includes in particlar: "To promote economy in the use medical supplies by advising upon altenative substances and preparations artheir relative cost, by reducing to a mirmum dependence upon external sources supply and by ensuring that supplies a in optimum quantities, and stored und satisfactory conditions."

Conducting pharmaceutical research are taking part in medical research calls for the closest relationship between the pharmacist and the physician and requires pharmaceutical department equipped an affed for analytical work and the manucture of all forms of galenical preparaons. The pharmacy department in hositals should be centralised and readily cessible.

Accommodation and equipment should rovide for storage, processing, testing, erile work, dispensing and clerical work. he minimum staff in the larger general spitals is a chief pharmacist and deputy usef pharmacist and a pharmacist charge of each section of the ork in the department. Opportuties exist for the employment of assistants technicians and their position should be gularised. The terms of service of pharacists and the question of recruitment e discussed. The remuneration of hos-

pital pharmacists should be improved. Pharmaceutical control should be exercised at all stages over the ordering of pharmaceutical supplies.

#### Teaching Hospitals

Teaching hospitals are of special importance pharmaceutically as a regional centre, for their research opportunities and because of the influence on the medical practitioners' ideas of pharmacy. The teaching of pharmacy to medical students has traditionally taken a form which has given a wrong picture of the rôle of pharmacy. The status of pharmacists giving a proposed wider course should be that of university teacher. It is desirable that the Society's inspectors should visit hospitals.

#### FINAL REPORT ON BRANCH RESOLUTIONS

or the information of Branches the Counof the Pharmaceutical Society has issued final report on the matters that were e subject of preliminary comment in eir interim report (C. & D., 1951.II.758).

prenticeship and Post-graduate Training

The scheme of guidance for apprentice sters, mentioned in the interim report in course of preparation, has been afted and is under consideration by the uncil.

The Council regret that the publication the booklet "Some Notes on Pharmacy a Career" has been delayed. The matter however, now in its final stages.

That it is the opinion of this meeting that the uncil of the Society should take immediate steps establish a national scheme for the post-graduate ning of pharmacists; and to secure the financial king which the Minister of Health is emerced to give by Section 48 of the National Ith Service Act."

The subject has a number of facets and re is no one method that will answer purpose. It is the intention of the incil to make arrangements along ious lines as opportunity offers. Week-

and vacation courses at schools of rmacy, part-time lectures and demontions in local technical colleges and pitals, films, study notes, and articles he Press all have a part to play. There ittle tradition of systematic post-gradutraining in pharmacy and progress not but be slow. The need for the coration of many authorities and indials and the financial and staffing props connected with it are other factors

which must be taken into account in judging the extent to which post-graduate training is practicable at present.

About the resolution on the forming of the Branches of the Pharmaceutical Society into regional groups, it is reported that the Council have submitted a scheme to Branches for their consideration.

"That it is the opinion of this meeting that the Society should take all steps to reply immediately to unjust criticisms of pharmacists by coroners and others in public courts and in the Press and to initiate a nation-wide radio and Press campaign to bring home to parents their responsibility for the safe storage of all medicaments and the careful administration of all medicines."

The steps to be taken to minimise accidental fatalities are still being considered.

#### Pharmacists in Hospitals

"That in the opinion of this meeting the Society should press for pharmaceutical representation on Hospital Management Committees."

A meeting of pharmacists serving on hospital management committees has been held. In consequence of that the Branches are being advised of action they can take to improve the situation. Also the matter has been raised at the national level in the memorandum which the Society has placed before the committee investigating the hospital pharmaceutical services at the request of the Minister of Health (see p. 556).

The resolution on the bringing of the pharmaceutical service in every hospital under the statutory control of a pharmacist, has been dealt with in the Council's memorandum already mentioned.

#### LICENSED **IMPORTS**

THE Board of Trade announced on April 16 in "Notice To Importers No. 488" the arrangements to be followed during the period July 1 - December 31 for licensing imports of goods that were removed from open general licence in November 1951 (see C. & D., 1951.II.641). Importers will be free to import from any one or more of the countries covered by the licences, which are:-

(a) O.E.E.C. countries and their Dependencies: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Trieste, Turkey, Western Germany.

(b) Other countries: Afghanistan, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Andorra, Bhutan, Brazil, Chile, China (including Manchuria), Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Formosa, Indonesia, Israel, Lebanon, Paraguay, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Siam, Spain, Syria, Uruguay, Yemen.

Applications for licences should be made on Form I.L.B./A (Revised) and submitted before May 1 to the Board of Trade, Import Licensing Branch, Romney House, Tufton Street, London, S.W.I. A state-ment certified by an independent practising accountant of the products imported from those countries during the period November 1, 1950, to October 31, 1951, expressed in £ sterling, c.i.f., should accompany the application. It should not include imports from:

(a) The Scheduled Territories, Muscat and Oman. (The Scheduled Territories at present comprise the British Commonwealth (except Canada), British Trust Territories, British Protectorates and Protected States, Burma, the Irish Republic, Iraq, Iceland, Jordan and Libya.) (b) Albania, Argentina, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Somaliland, Germany (Russian Zone), Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Japan, Jugo-Slavia, Korea, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panania, Persia, Philippines, Poland, Rumania, Tangier, United States of America, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela.

Importers of essential oils should include in their returns imports originating in China but consigned from Hong Kong.

Licences for bottles, jars and tubular containers of the type used for essential commercial and industrial purposes will be freely issued. Applications to import perfumery bases should be made in the usual way and will be considered individually.

Import quotas for the six-month period have been fixed as follows:-

Medicines and MEDICINAL PREPARATIONS, manufactured or prepared except: -Artisone, aureomycin, cortisc (ACTH), cortrophin and terramy HONEY, £355,000; £5,000; nati ESSENTIAL OILS, £1.5 millions; vari vegetable oils, including ALMOND, natu and Olive, £900,000.

The Board warn importers that validity of licences issued against the half of the year will not be extended a June 30. Importers are advised to arra shipments to come within the validity the licences they hold. Save in exception circumstances, the unused portion of licence will not be carried forward to new period.

#### TRADE MARKS

From the "Trade Marks Journal," April 2 For medical and surgical bandages made of no

material (5).

LASTONET, 704,526, by John Heathcoa Co., Ltd., Tiverton. For pharmaceutical preparations for human

veterinary use containing antihistaminic substice and antibacterial agents (5).

DIBRANTROL, 704,854, by May & Baker, Dagenham.

For pharmaceutical substances for human veterinary use, sanitary substances, medical v surgical plasters, bandaging material, disinfect

UCEPAM, 705,142, by Union Chimique F S.A., Brussels, Belgium.

For instruments and apparatus for use in gesia, anæsthesia and resuscitation (10). PULMOFLATOR, 697,584, by Blease Anæst :

Equipment, Ltd., London, W.1.

#### From the "Trade Marks Journal," April 9

For chemical products for use in the manufa of perfumes, perfumery products, soaps and ). metics (1).

WARDIA, B700,330, by Firmenich & Geneva, Switzerland.

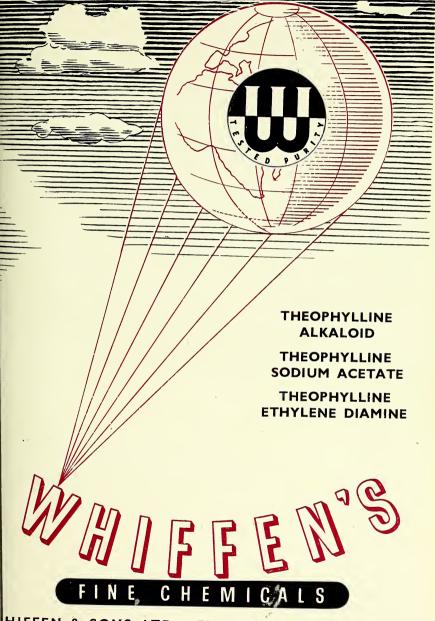
For industrial and scientific chemical products 1 CLOROPHIN, 704,390, by Ashe Laborat e Ltd., Leatherhead.

For non-medicated toilet preparations (3). Circular device of willow tree, B701,793 b Willows Francis Pharmaceutical Products, London, E.8.

For powder compacts (3). SONATA, 703,744, by S. D. Rand, Ltd., 11 don, W.I.

#### Answers to Revision Question

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- 2. The thiobarbiturates, which are 1 short in action.



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